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LD 1619

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and all members of the Judiciary Committee: My name is Jessie Boda, and I am from Poland. I am the local director of a Classical Christian hybrid homeschool, a registered nurse, mother, and grandmother. I compel you to vote "ought not to pass" for LD 1619.

To quote my eleven-year-old son, "Abortion is evil and it's murder". A child easily and quickly comes to this conclusion. Why? Because they want to know the truth about things and thus ask the adults in their lives a million questions a day. They are not fooled by words such as "fetus" or "tissue" or "pregnancy" or "healthcare procedure." They know it is a baby and that it is being intentionally killed. They would only answer otherwise unless adults coached them with more "mature" and "enlightened" reasoning. What reasoning? That we do not want children to be unwanted or that we do not want children to be poverty-stricken or to suffer physical ailments? Or we say that women are harmed by being "forced" into having a baby. My children and I once lived below the poverty level. My first pregnancy was unplanned, but that baby, my daughter, saved my life. I was on a road headed for drug-addiction and prostitution. Today, she is a wonderful mother to my incredible grandson. I know a man who was born in the 1960's, as the result of an adulterous relationship between two parents of different races. He was adopted by loving parents. Today, he is a great, successful man. One of the most joyous and influential students in my homeschool group has down syndrome. None of us has the right to predict a child's "dismal" future, and claim mercy and compassion to justify murder. Likewise, motherhood is difficult and will result in suffering, but it is also stabilizing and positively life-changing. It should be encouraged, not easily sacrificed on the altar of self-indulgence.

"Thou shall not murder" is a clear, simple, beneficial, just, and loving command from the Giver of Life, and thus a deeply held conviction of mine. You may not share my love of Jesus and His words of life, but you cannot deny that this bill will only result in increased death. There is one whose goal is to, "seek, kill and destroy." Satan loves death. Jesus has overcome death. Who will you side with today? I pray you choose to halt the expansion of abortion in Maine. I pray you choose life for the children of Maine and Life Everlasting for yourselves. Amen