

April 29, 2023

To the Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Gary Gould, and I reside in Winterport, Maine.

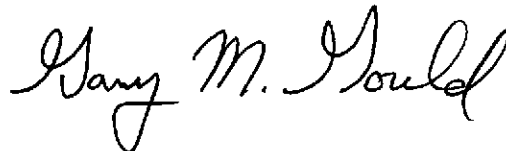
I am writing this letter in opposition to LD 1619. I am sixty-nine years old. I never thought, that in my lifetime, I would have to be writing in opposition to proposed legislation legalizing the destruction of human life, up to birth.

I can remember, when the whole idea of legalizing abortion was being pushed, in the '60s and '70s. Some of the arguments being used in favor of it at the time were to make it "safe, legal, and rare." This legislation, if passed, destroys the argument of "safe," by reducing restrictions of who can perform abortions, and the penalties on illegal abortions. As for the "legal" part, the state of Maine, shamefully, already has one of the most liberal abortion laws in the country. The Supreme Court decision did not change that, it only made it a state matter. As for rarity, this legislation makes an act, that used to supposedly be for emergency situations such as rape, incest, or severe health problems of the mother, into a matter of convenience or whim, up to birth.

It is sad that, in this country, the importance of human life has been downgraded, especially for the defenseless. We used to look at other countries that had little regard for life as uncivilized, and backward. Now it appears that we are catching up to them.

I would ask that you would please find LD 1619 ought not to pass.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary M. Gould". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gary M. Gould