

I would like to recommend that LD1619 ought not to pass.

Regardless of the different reasons that a woman may feel pressured into ending a pregnancy she has carried to a later term of pregnancy, the scientific reality is that the fetus is a distinct human in development – distinct anatomy, distinct blood type, distinct DNA, etc...

The observable phenomenon that it can react to stimuli on its own, feel pain, and survive outside the womb, should make the dismemberment and/or destruction of the fetus for any reason unthinkable! ***Such actions are a barbaric solution and are indefensible in a modern civilized society.***

Don't let Maine become an "abortion tourist" state! The child deserves to be protected, and the mother deserves access to alternate solutions whenever she finds herself seeking to end her pregnancy.

Thank you

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