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My name is Mark Emery from Stockton Springs Maine, and I am respectfully asking that the members of the Judiciary committee vote NO on LD 1619. Under the current law in Maine, an abortion is legal until viability. Viability is defined as the stage of pregnancy when an unborn child has developed to the point where it would be able to survive outside of the uterus with medical assistance and normally occurs during the 24-26 weeks of pregnancy. This allows any pregnant women the time to make the decision to have an abortion if that is the choice she decides to make.

While the subject of abortion is always contentious between pro-choice and pro-life advocates, the current Maine law already has language that an abortion can take place after viability if it is necessary to protect the life or health of the mother which safeguards those that need a later term abortion.

This new proposed law is a much more radical position that most citizens in Maine, including many pro-choice people, do not support and would allow for an abortion on a child that has a fully functioning body and brain and will feel the incredible pain that this abortion would cause. This would be one of the most extreme abortion laws in the United States and should never be a part of our culture. I ask again that you would vote no on this bill. Thank you.