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LD 1619

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Michelle Truman of Hallowell, and I am speaking in opposition to LD 1619, "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws".

How this bill "improves" anything is questionable to me. LD 1619 "changes the standard" of when to perform abortions, and "removes the criminal penalties" for someone performing an abortion without a license.

LD 1619 does make it easier to get rid of a preborn baby, even to the moment of birth.....even for a healthy pregnancy. However, the bill presents dangers for the woman herself. If she happens to die during the abortion, and the abortion has been performed by someone not licensed to do so, what then? NO ONE is held responsible. That part has been deleted from the language of the bill!

The bottom line is that LD 1619 sounds like a convenient "C.Y.A. permission slip", which callously disregards the wellbeing of both babies and vulnerable pregnant women.

I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on LD 1619.