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LD 1619

Dear Senate Chair Carney, Rep Chair Moonen, and members of the members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Diane Vernesoni and I live in Topsham, Maine

In regard to LD1619 I would like to submit the following testimony:

Our country was founded on Christian values that treasured and protected the lives of our citizens. All citizens. This is especially true of our most vulnerable, our children. A Christian knows that life begins at conception. Where there had been nothing, now there is a new human being formed. This human is filled with potential and love. This human is full of life! A scientist knows that this is a new life full of possibilities. Scientifically, there was nothing there and now there is a new lifeform. A teacher knows what learning this new life will accomplish over a lifetime. A parent knows all the "troublesome comforts" this new life will bring to them and the happiness. A country can only dream of all the changes that could be brought about by this new life.

LD1619 has taken all the potential for a worthwhile, happy, accomplished, and science out of bringing a new lifeform, a baby, a NEW LIFE, into this world. A "viable" baby. A baby with a whole life ahead of it! This legislation makes it dependent upon finding a licensed physician willing to do it for the money. Even if they are not licensed this bill takes any liability for doing it. This will lead to many botched abortions, I'm afraid. This is an abomination.

Our Governor has said she will not extend the "adequate abortion laws" we already had in Maine. She has broken that promise to her constituents. Hold her to her promise! Most important, this legislation has devalued life in its purest form, a baby. If women want birth control, they need to take care of that before they get pregnant and not make the baby pay with its life. Life is too precious for us to do that. Therefore, I implore you all to vote to NOT PASS this bitter piece of legislation. Think of your children and grandchildren. What would your life be without them? What would the world be without them? What if Einstein or Michelangelo or Churchill or Lincoln had never been allowed to be born? Where would the world be today?

Thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully submitted,
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