

I was very disturbed to learn that LD1619 was being considered for passage. It puts Maine at the forefront of late term abortions; killing babies that would otherwise be viable and depriving them of a chance to impact our world. Not too long ago this would have shocked all thinking adults. Now the legislature hides behind the deceptive title of "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws". Let's at least rename it to what it is: "An Act to Allow Viable Babies to be Murdered".

The current law allows abortions for any reason up to the point where the baby can survive on its own outside the womb and medically necessary ones after that. This gives the mother ample time to make a decision. This expansion is unnecessary and appalling.

If a baby can survive on its own and we are okay with killing it, where do we stop? We can throw in the euphemism "privacy" but that does not cover the disregard for human life that is creeping into our culture. This is not a good trend for our society and if we can so casually do this to the most defenseless among us, we should ask ourselves who is next?

Below is a small sample of unwanted pregnancies that would have been terminated under your proposed bill:

Steve Jobs
Jack Nicholson
Oprah Winfrey
Eartha Kitt
Pope John Paul II
Celine Dion
Cher

I urge you to reject this legislation.

As a final note, it strikes me as ironic that the legislature is adamant on protecting a parent's rights to assert total control over their child prior to birth; up to and including the right to kill a viable baby. Yet, once the baby is born, parents' rights are downplayed and even denigrated. Truly upside-down thinking.