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LD 1619

Madam/Mister Chair and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee , my name is Rebecca Wirtes and I am a resident of Kennebunkport. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

As a retired nurse,wife,mother,grandmother and great grandmother I value life from conception to death. In 1974,as a 19 year old nursing student in Boston, I found myself pregnant.The doctors immediate advise, “don’t go home this weekend, we need good nurses,we’ll take care of this problem!” At 39 weeks, I delivered my son @ 5lbs. 12oz.and my daughter @ 5 lbs 11 oz.healthy twins! But according to the extreme nature of LD1619, the twins would have been killed, if I had decided I didn’t want this pregnancy???. I find this absolutely appalling!

My brother,sister, sister’s husband & their first born are ALL adopted. All these people wouldn’t be a part of my life , if their mothers had chosen to abort them as all these situations were unplanned and inconvenient.

In my retirement,I volunteer@ a pregnancy center. I’m able to support & encourage parents, provide needed equipment, clothing ,diapers, and facilitate classes on Labor & Delivery , parenting skills & relationship issues.

There are other alternatives to abortion!

What kind of people have we become that in one hospital room hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent to save the life of a “wanted” baby, and in the next room a baby is killed as viewed an inconvenience???