Chandra Bewell Bremen LD 1619

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

My name is Chandra Bewell. I am a resident of Bremen, Maine I am speaking to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

My Mom was a young mother when I was born. I am so grateful that she chose life! The right to life triumphs over someone's reproductive rights. We have no right to take another's life.

By killing our children we are also hurting Maine's economy. Maine won't function well without enough young people to take the place in employment as our older population retires. We need their gifts and their contributions.

Beyond that, these boys and girls have intrinsic value by virtue of being human beings, including those who are unable to contribute to society in the same way that others can.

It so happens that some parents don't feel able to raise children. Adoption or support for parents are viable options.

Each life matters! I urge you to vote against LD 1619. Maine needs to be a child-friendly place, not a place of danger for our youngest ones.

Someone guarded, protected and provided for each one of you. Now it is your turn to guard and protect this generation.

Most sincerely, Chandra Bewell