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LD 1619

Good day-

I am writing in opposition of LD 1619. This is the first time I have submitted written testimony to a legislative committee. What is being brought forth in this bill led to me not standing on the sidelines. What is being proposed in this bill for unborn children and those at full-term is barbaric. The definition of barbaric is: savagely cruel; exceedingly brutal. Being a former Latin teacher, I am well versed in Roman history and their barbaric practices. It is hard to believe 2,000 years later our state's governor is asking the legislature to consider such an uncivilized bill. What you are asking the citizens of Maine to condone is unconscionable.

I end with a quote from St. Augustine of Rome that is my plea for you to consider when making your decision: "Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you."

The unborn and those newly born have no voice or power, but I am speaking up for them and urge you to vote no on LD 1619.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my testimony.

Sincerely,

Cindy Ackerman