

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

My name is Janet Raymond, and I'm a resident of Sydney, Maine. I'm here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

Here we are once again at a place in time where we must face the consequences of our actions! We are witnesses to the denial of the humanity of the youngest and most vulnerable in our society: the unborn. We who believe in the sanctity of human life must rise up and speak.

Our country has a long history of trying to justify abortion even calling it a part of reproductive health. The evidence is that these little babies are being found in landfills, sewerage and water treatment plants, and dumpsters. This information needs to stir sympathy in us all. We as a nation should be better than this! With modern technology and medical support, there is no excuse now not to recognize that these unborn human beings have faces, hands, feet, beating hearts, and can survive outside of the womb. This has become infanticide.

In a country where eagle eggs are given more protection than our own human offspring, we must step out of the darkness into the light. We must protect human life and stop the morally disgraceful slaughter of innocent babies.

Why the push to include viable human beings in the horrific process of abortion?

Who will perform these barbaric procedures?

What methods will be used in this process?

When will we stand up and choose life and stop this culture of death?

Please vote ought not to pass.