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LD 1619

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Linda Peary. I am writing this testimony in regards to LD 1619 and the proposed changes to the current abortion laws. I do not believe this is a good or healthy direction for Maine to go in. Removing the “in the case of the mother’s health or life” wording from the current law dehumanizes and desensitizes the value of a human life. I fear it would create a slippery slope to future laws to eliminate others (elderly, mentally challenged, etc) that society does not deem necessary or worth being allowed to live. We should value life not leave it as “whatever is deemed necessary” in order to end life.

There are also several laws regarding criminal charges for those who injure or murder an unborn baby after the point of viability. Since these laws exist, in the case of injury or murder, then the same standard/worth should be applied to the viability of the unborn in regards to abortion. Again, removing the current exceptions of the mother’s health and life, would leave it all up to whatever reason is deemed necessary.

Please vote “ought not to pass” on LD 1619 and give a voice to the innocent, unborn.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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