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1. What would YOU have done in that situation?
2. What if this was your child or grandchild?
3. If a “25 weeker” is born alive and trying to breathe on her own, can you honestly live with the fact that you will be complicit in terminating lives up to 40 weeks? (which LD1619 would allow)

I implore you to oppose LD 1619.

In addition, statistics show that abortion is rarely the result of the mother’s life at risk. Cases of anencephaly are also rare and until facts became distorted in the “pro-abortion war”, this heart wrenching issue was always handled between a woman and her doctor. “Ectopic pregnancy” is a emergency medical condition which is always treated as such, so a woman would never be denied proper care due to any legislation.

I pray that all who will be involved in this decision, are truly educated on facts, not emotional rhetoric. I also hope that they have all seen ultrasounds of pre-born babies (including those filmed during an abortion with the baby trying to get away from the medical instruments). Due diligence would also include researching renowned doctors/scientists like Jerome Lejeune, pediatrician and geneticist, on when life truly begins.

Finally, our tax dollars should not fund abortions. Judeo-Christian organizations involved in promoting health and saving lives should not be required to perform or pay for abortions and this includes providing coverage for abortion through insurance. Planned Parenthood has made it clear they will help any woman secure an abortion and they have the financial support and easy access with facilities throughout Maine.

Please oppose LD935

Please oppose LD1343.

Please also oppose LD776 until clarity is provided to Maine citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.
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