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**Testimony Against LD1619 An Act to Improve Maine's
Reproductive Privacy Law**

Senator Carney, Representative Mooney and distinguished
members of the Committee on Judiciary:

As science has proven, a fertilized egg, all the way through birth, is a unique human being. Having all the genetic information and capacity to grow and develop. This process continues through childhood and throughout a human life span. Passing this law comes in direct conflict with existing Maine Law.

**Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE
Part 2: SUBSTANTIVE OFFENSES
Chapter 9: OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON**

§201. Murder

1. A person is guilty of murder if the person:

A. Intentionally or knowingly causes the death of another human being; [PL 2001, c. 383, §8 (AMD); PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF).]

The human embryo is the same individual as the human organism at subsequent stages of development. The evidence for this is the genetic and epigenetic composition of this being—that is, the embryo's molecular composition is such that he or she has the internal resources to develop actively himself or herself to the next mature stage—and the typical embryo's regular, predictable and observable behavior—that is, the embryo's actual progression through an internally coordinated and complex sequence of development to his or her mature stage. It is important to note that embryological evidence shows that the human embryo is a whole, although obviously immature, human being; it is not a mere part.

According to State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services:

Below is a list of behaviors by parents and/or caregivers that should be reported to Intake, keep in mind this is not an exhaustive list, we encourage anyone with concerns to make a report:

- Physically harming a child (beyond spanking in a reasonable manner)
- Sexually abusing a child
- Exposing a child to substance use, domestic violence, or other unsafe conditions
- Failing to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, or medical care
- Exposing a child to unsafe or unsanitary living conditions
- Threatening to harm a child
- Chronically calling a child names or putting them down

Why do we have these laws? Because our culture, as does almost every other culture, believes that ending the life of another is fundamentally wrong.

This law was initially argued that in certain circumstances where the mother's life might be in jeopardy, that a choice was then allowed. It still ended the life of a living child. Now it is just left to a doctor? Who takes an oath to preserve human life.

We are either person's or property. If a person is considered property to be treated as the owner of the property chooses, well we already know that is not good for our culture.

Please vote against the attack on the most innocent and defenseless in our society.

Sincerely,

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