

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

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My name is Marilyn Amoroso, and I'm a resident of Gorham. I'm here to testify in opposition to LD 1619, An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws.

Unborn babies should not be subjected to a two-class system where some babies are given medical care and others are left to die. Babies are babies, no matter where or why they are born. Yet currently, babies born during an abortion procedure are being refused medical treatment and left to die. Sometimes they are left to die for hours or days.

These babies are human beings and have a right to life. In fact, the response from a recent survey revealed that over 75 percent of Americans believe that a baby who survives a failed abortion should be given the same medical treatment as any other baby born prematurely.

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Life is a God-given gift to humanity, not something to be despised and destroyed, selfishly and cruelly by uncaring individuals. Let the responsible, self-disciplined adults who support the unborn and common-sense legislation to prohibit abortion when an unborn child can feel pain in the womb, speak up on this issue. Most Americans don't want America's abortion policy to mirror the likes of North Korea and China.

Imagine the pride of Maine if we were the national beacon for life as the born-alive bills introduced in the U.S Senate and House require the same medical care that's given to premature babies to be also given to any child who survived an attempted abortion. This legislation would also establish criminal penalties for healthcare practitioners violating this requirement.

A baby's right to life and medical care does not change because it was born in an abortion clinic instead of a delivery room. Medical practitioners should be legally required to administer medical care to babies no matter where or why they are born.

Please, let's choose life instead of death. Please, let's be compassionate instead of destructive and hateful. Babies or children are not material things to be used as an inconvenient prop or a political game piece! Please "vote ought not to pass." Thank you!

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