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LD 1619

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, I am Joanne van Loenen, living in Falmouth. I am a feminist and I am pro-life. As a feminist I strongly believe in non-violence, non-discrimination and justice for all and as such, there is no other choice for me but to oppose LD 1619.

Are you going to vote in favor of LD1619 and allow a doctor to abort a child who is about to be born because the doctor says it's necessary when the word necessary isn't even defined? Isn't taking the life of an unborn child post-viability better known as infanticide, the epitome of violence?

Why take the life of this unborn child when a Caesarean birth would not only give this child a chance at life but would also be a gift to one of the more than 2 million couples who want to adopt?

And as for justice, who represents the unborn child when the decision is being made to take his or her life, a child who from the moment of conception has a genetic code unique to itself, different from the mother's and the father's? Don't all human beings deserve justice and protection under the law?

And as for discrimination, isn't it true that for years abortion advocates have been pitting a woman against her unborn child, dehumanizing the growing child, discriminating against the child because of his or her size or age?

Wouldn't a feminist support women centered solutions to the real challenges of pregnancy, childbirth, child rearing, solutions that affirm the well-being of both the mother and her child, solutions that are offered by pregnancy support centers?

Don't you want to live in a society where all human life is championed, where one person doesn't devalue the life of another human being, OR do you want to live in a society that tells itself it is civilized and appropriate to permit the killing of innocent defenseless human beings as long as the killing is being done by a doctor with the permission of the victim's mother?

Do you realize that what we're doing here is deciding who's going to live and who's going to die? I urge you to vote in opposition LD 1619.

Thank you