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LD 1619

Testimony in opposition to LD 1619

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

My name is Vincent Caccese, a resident of Bangor Maine and I am testifying against the bill entitled LD 1619 (a law that would allow late term abortion).

As a Maine citizen, I am appalled that the state would consider any legislation of this nature. My first thought is that I cannot even take my automobile to be inspected in Maine without a licensed mechanic to work on it, yet the State is proposing to allow abortions, the taking of a human life, to be conducted without a license and without penalty. How ironic, and even worse, how immoral.

Furthermore, this law would allow a mother and a licensed doctor to terminate a life after the point of viability without the requirement that the mother's life is in jeopardy. An individual life has rights that we should protect, no matter what environment it exists in, including inside the mother's womb. Maine should not be willing to allow a viable and innocent life to be taken using a decision by a woman and her doctor alone. This life is separate from the mother, it has its own unique DNA,. It is a unique person and accordingly also has rights that should be protected. This is not a matter of choice. This is granting freedom to kill a viable person.

There are laws in our country restricting killing and we all know it is wrong. When someone kills in self-defense there is a trial by a judge and jury. The person that kills in self-defense doesn't get to decide on their own that it was self-defense. Where is the judge and jury for the defenseless unborn? A doctor and the mother being the judge and jury is unjust and a violation of the child's rights. The unborn and young are the most vulnerable in our society and if we adopt a moral mindset, it would be to protect the unborn and not just eliminate them because they may be malformed or even worse may be an inconvenience.

The State of Maine is quickly turning away from the core values of independence and decency it once had, and now it is proposing laws that would kill the most innocent and vulnerable in our society. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS BILL.