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LD 1619

Dear Janet Mills & the people of Maine,  
I read something you wrote today, a document called LD1619. As a citizen of America, and as a resident of Maine, I am hopeful that you might return the favor and read what I'm going to write.

Not only am I a proud American and a Mainer, I'm a mom. I have a beautiful daughter named Everly, who is also a Maine resident. She was born at 39 weeks, weighing 7lbs 8oz. She had 10 cute fingers, 10 chubby toes. She had/has bright blue eyes that light up when she smiles. I've attached a picture of her, hours after she was born, for you to see.

In your document that I read, you're pushing to make it legal in Maine to murder a baby just like her. I refuse to use the term abort, to ease anyone's conscious. You're trying to make it legal, for a woman to kill the child that they are carrying, up to the day they are born. Up to the final day of gestation.

As a human being, I can't wrap my mind around such a barbaric thing to do. As a mother, I look at my precious baby, at pictures of her on the day she was born, and I weep with heartbreak for the babies that you've now signed their death warrant.

Abortion at any stage in gestation is wrong. It's evil. But at 40 weeks? Governor Mills, as a mother yourself... How could you? Look back on the days your children were born, and imagine opting to have them killed instead of birthing them. It's hard to fathom, isn't it? Because if you claim or have even a smidge of humanity, you know it's evil. You know it's wrong.

People in third world countries murder their babies, not in America. Well... They didn't used to, in America.

Governor Mills, I'm writing to tell you that my name is Elisabeth Bell Legendre. I'm a Christian. I'm a wife. I'm a teacher. I'm a mother. I'm a Mainer. I disagree with your bill you're trying to pass and I am going to pray, with every ounce of breath I have in me, that your bill will not pass. I am going to beg the God of heaven to spare our state from this barbaric atrocity. I am going to pray that hundreds more like me will stand up and oppose this tragic, evil misuse of power on your part, that they will loudly proclaim that Maine is a state that will protect its citizens... even the citizens not yet born. I will do my part and reach out to my representatives, to tell them that if they are going to be my voice, this is the stand I'm boldly taking.

Do not make us a state where murder is legal. Please... don't do that to my home.

Jeremiah 1:5 (KJV) Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, [and] I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.