

Madam/Mister Chair and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Elizabeth A Jordan and I live in Kennebunkport. I am a mother of four, three surviving (one lost at twelve weeks gestation) and three grandchildren. I am testifying in opposition to LD 1619: AN ACT TO IMPROVE MAINE'S REPRODUCTIVE PRIVACY LAWS.

I am writing in opposition to this bill as a mother who has lost a child to miscarriage and was there to witness that fully formed though tiny infant who had passed away and then passed through into my own hands with a fully formed perfect human body at twelve weeks. I have also had the joy of feeling the tiny flutter that later became kicks and somersaults over the weeks and months of the almost forty weeks of pregnancy with the next three children that were born to my husband and me. From the earliest moments these babies were unique human beings with the right to life given to them by their Creator. I am opposed to the taking of these lives at any stage of development but I am in agreement with the over 65% of Mainers who are especially outraged by the thought of the outright cruel and barbaric procedure which is required to take their lives as they are beyond viability with the ability to feel the pain of the tearing, crushing and ripping of their bodies that will occur in these procedures. We would be outraged if this were done to puppies or kittens. Where is the outrage here? Where is the compassion for our own flesh and blood?

Finally, as a Christian, I must speak out on behalf of those who have no voice and will leave this group with a thought from Scripture. Whether you believe it or not, you will be judged by how you used your authority in this life, and in your role as an elected leader. Proverbs 24: 11-12 reads: "Deliver those who are drawn toward death and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "surely we did not know this," does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?"

Please oppose this bill that is a violation of the consciences of so many of the Maine people. We love our beautiful Maine and we love our tourists, but do not want the notorious title of being the abortion tourism state. Thank you for voting DO NOT PASS on LD 1619.

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