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LD 1619

I would like to join the majority of Mainers on both sides of the aisle to express my concerns about LD1619. Many feel that performing abortion protects the health of women. However, as a pelvic health physical therapist I have witnessed the physical and emotional scars of abortion in my clients, even years after it was done.

This bill is aggressive and unnecessary. I know a mother whose life was at risk in the 24th week of pregnancy. Her child was born via c-section and is now a vibrant, joyful two-year-old. The mother's health was quickly attended to and both of their lives saved. That baby, at 1 3/4 pounds and now a thriving toddler is fully human. To kill a child when both lives can be saved is an atrocity.

Thank you for considering my testimony. For the sake of women's current and future health I urge you to vote not to pass on this egregious bill.