Tracy Sullens Bucksport LD 1619

My name is Tracy Sullens and I am a husband, father of 5 children, special education teacher and pastor in Bucksport, Maine. I am writing to strongly oppose LD 1619. I understand that Maine already has laws concerning abortion and the governor stated during her campaign that she would not support changing the current laws. Therefore, I see no need for a change in the current laws. With the advancement of ultrasounds and medical science, we know that the removing of any restrictions on abortion would be killing babies within the wound that are able to survive as early as 24 weeks after conception. It has also been proven by science, that life begins at conception and a child's heart beat can be detected at 6 weeks after conception.

I am first and foremost a Christian and a firm believer that only God, who created all things, has the authority to determine what is true and right. He has clearly done that and revealed it to us in His word, the Bible. He commands that we are not to take another person's life, but instead we are to preserve life. All humans have value inside and outside of the womb because we are created in the image of God. He also instructs us to protect and speak for the weak, helpless, vulnerable, and those who do not have a voice. I write to speak for and protect all unborn babies that will not have a voice and whose lives will be taken by medical professionals who have also pledged to save lives.

Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.

I remind you that you were placed in the position of authority that you are in by your creator, whether you chose to acknowledge it or not. God established government and authorities to protect citizens and to punish evil doers. It is your responsibility to protect the lives of unborn children. Those children have the same rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that we do.

Romans 13:1-2 Every person is to be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

This may or may not change your position or how you will vote, but it is my responsibility to speak for the the unborn babies that do not have a voice. It is also my responsibility to remind you that you are in the position you are in by God's authority, and that you will be held accountable to Him for how you use that authority and how you vote on issues. I plead with you to vote NO on LD 1619 and to protect the lives of your constituents, even the ones not yet born.

Sincerely, Tracy Sullens Bucksport, Maine