

## **Testimony in opposition to LD 1619 “An Act to Improve Maine’s Reproductive Privacy Laws”**

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I am speaking up for all of the yet unborn babies whose lives should not be taken by their mothers, their fathers, and their mothers’ doctors.

Maine should not expand the present law allowing the termination of a baby’s life to allow for the killing of a baby that could survive outside the womb. That would mean that Maine would have one of the most extreme abortion laws in the entire United States of America.

I realize that as a 71-year-old, white, heterosexual male, and follower of Jesus Christ that there are some that would say that I am not someone that has the right to speak to this issue of late term abortion allowing a woman to decide to end the life of their child at any time before it is born. As a father of four adult children and having lost my oldest daughter in a car accident at the age of 18, I believe that I have the right to have a say. I have not yet gotten over my daughter’s death in the accident that happened 21 years ago. My heart still aches to this day. I recognize that the pain is even stronger for her mother.

I do not know what father would want to support the aborting of their baby’s life, and for the life of me I cannot understand why a mother would want to kill her baby.

I ask you to please consider the long-term devastating effects that the passing of this law allowing parents to kill their babies will have on them and their families.

I ask you to please vote “Ought Not to Pass” on this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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