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I am particularly concerned about the removal of the word "viability" from the current law. This change would allow for abortions to be performed at any point during pregnancy, including late-term abortions, which are deeply troubling to me. Removing the word 'viability' would create ambiguity and permit late-term abortions, and potentially permit leaving a baby born to die after a botched abortion. I believe that life begins at conception and that every unborn child deserves protection and the right to life.

Furthermore, I am troubled by the potential implications of this bill regarding the care of infants who survive abortion attempts. The bill does not explicitly require medical care for infants who survive abortion attempts, and I find this to be unacceptable. Every life, born or unborn, deserves access to medical care and protection.

As a Christian, I also draw from biblical teachings that uphold the sanctity of life. Psalm 139:13-14 says, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." The removal of the word "viability" in this bill disregards the sacredness of human life and undermines the value of every person, no matter their stage of development.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to oppose LD1619 and any legislation that seeks to diminish the protection of human life in our state. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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