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LD 1619

Chair and Judiciary Committee Members:

I am a retired nurse, and live in Farmington. I have witnessed the birth of babies and have marveled at the miracle of and reflected on the endless possibilities for these new lives. It deeply saddens me today that we are contemplating a bill that would provide abortion in our state up to birth for any reason. In the name of this extreme right to choose, I am convinced we are disregarding the right to life for defenseless babies who cannot speak for themselves.

This bill is extreme, heartless, and cruel. It is a denial of our humanity and decency. I believe it is evil, it is murder, it is short sighted, and will forever negatively impact Maine and those who live here. If this bill is passed, Maine will be among the states with the most permissive abortion rights and will open our state to travel here specifically to obtain abortions. A majority of Maine voters do not support late term abortions.

Please vote NO on LD 1619. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in writing.