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LD 1619

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Choose a bill:

LD 776 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Bodily Autonomy

LD 1343 - An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation

LD 1619 - An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws

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I am neither for nor against the proposed legislation

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.Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable members of the joint standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Chris Gerardi and I am a resident of Whitefield, Maine. I am here to testify in opposition to LD1619.

As a father of five children and a Papa to nine grandchildren, I urge you to have mercy for the poor beating heart of the most innocent of children. These children are “viable”, according to this bill to live on their own. Our Nation’s most fundamental right is embodied in the Declaration of Independence, which states, that all “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life”.

Please do not let this evil bill pass denying the child the right to life and putting the mother’s life in danger by lowering the standard of medical care and the reason for abortion itself. According to Pew Research, “less than 20 percent of the voters support the right to an abortion in all cases.”

When we first moved to Maine in 1985, my wife Vickie, was 9 months pregnant. I met the doctor who delivered our son Daniel for the first time in the delivery room at Miles hospital. On the follow up visit, I noticed he displayed his own artwork in the waiting room. I asked my wife Vickie, how do these paintings make you feel? She said “uneasy and sad.” After a lengthy discussion with the doctor, he wrote me a letter stating that because of our talk he was no longer doing abortions. I trust his artwork is more positive these days.

As a Pastor, I have served as Chaplin at Miles memorial hospital. One time I was visiting a young lady who tried to commit suicide by jumping into the Damariscotta River. After visiting for a while, I asked if I could ask her a personal question. She said, yes. Did you have an abortion? She broke down, cried, and shared how it was tearing herself up in side.

Aborting hurts all those involved. Therefore, I urge you to support the Voters of Maine, Mothers and children in saying NO to this bill LD1619.

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