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LD 1619

I am a mother who works full time, and regret I cannot attend in person today. I oppose LD1619. Maine law permits abortions from conception to viability for any reason, and from viability to birth to save or preserve the health and life of the mother. I am angry at the party for bringing up this bill, playing on the fears and passions, and attempting to unsettle settled law, so that it can run 30 second attack ads in the next round of elections against its independent and GOP opponents of office, who oppose partial birth and late term abortions for legitimate ethical reasons. In industrialized nations across the globe, adults are expressing regret that they had no children, or fewer children than they had wished, citing depressed wages, and rising home prices, among other reasons that made them feel they were financially forced to have fewer children than they want. To my mind, LD1619 is not chiefly about helping women, or families, and certainly its not about helping children. Maine law already has a law that permits abortion for health and life of the mother at any time during the pregnancy. This bill is chiefly about helping one party play on public passions to secure votes in the next round of elections.