

To the Members of the Judicial Committee

In regards to LD 1619, 776 and 1343,

As a mother, business owner, a Christian, and since we now have to define these things, a woman, I am writing to you to oppose all three bills LD 1619, LD 776 and LD1343. The title of LD 1619 is deceptive in calling this “An Act to Improve Maine’s Reproductive Privacy Laws.” First there is nothing about human “reproducing” in this bill, only the taking of a life. There is nothing about improving privacy, only allowing non-medical, unlicensed individuals to perform abortions without penalty. This is improving medical access or privacy for women? These bills take women and our state backward, not forward.

LD 1619 allows for the murder of innocent babies. After viability, which is agreed to be around 24 weeks, it is no longer just the woman’s body, it is the baby’s as well. Neither the woman, the father nor the doctor have any rights over that child in respect to taking their life. You are proposing to legalizing the killing of innocent babies. Doctors take an oath to “First do no harm.” You are telling them to break that oath.

After Dobbs, Maine’s abortion law that was on the books went into effect and provided legal abortions up to 15 weeks. That is almost 4 months, plenty of time for a woman to find out she is pregnant, have discussion with the father, and seek out a licensed physician to perform the abortion. Polls prior to the election of 2022 showed that only 10% of Maine citizens were concerned about our abortion law. Both the Governor and former Governor LePage pledged not to change that law. Now, Governor Mills and this committee have proposed extreme, radical laws that Maine citizens do not agree with, forcing us to pay for the murders of innocent babies, and will do nothing to guarantee the health and safety of the women who get those abortions. However, the bills do protect those scoundrels who perform these horrific acts without a license and no guarantee of even a clean medical facility – seriously, what are you thinking?

Maine already has in place legalized abortion with which a majority of Mainers agree. In polls across the country, acceptance of abortion procedures in the second trimester drop precipitously because it is the taking of a life, a baby, not a fetus. How can you as legislators, as parents, propose this horrific bill or even think that legalizing abortion to the end of term is decent?

Maine is an aging state where more people are dying rather than being born. Five babies are aborted a day in Maine, and taxpayers are paying for this. This is a taking – both of life and liberties, as most object to this procedure past 15 weeks, but I am forced to pay for someone else’s immoral decision. Maine’s state legislature is going beyond rationality and reasonability and Mainers understand this. I urge you all to not pass these bills. They do not improve the life, health and safety of Maine women, and certainly not our future children. I suggest you focus on improving adoption procedures instead.

Sincerely,

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