

Testimony Regarding Maine LD 1619

Madam Chair, Speaker Talbot Ross, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee, please accept my sincere appreciation for all that you do.

My name is John Wallace and I live in the town of Greene. Legislative Bill LD 1619 is one of great concern and potential impact for our state, and I pray that you carefully consider your conscience and the voice of the people when voting.

My heart goes out to a young pregnant mother who has no support from family or the father of her child and is told by society the lie that abortion is the solution. What she and her child need most is love and support to protect both their lives and there are many resources that exist to do just that. Additionally, I sympathize with a mother who is told that her life is endangered by her pregnancy. My understanding is that this represents a relatively small percentage of all pregnancies. Furthermore, many doctors (some who are former abortionists) assert with authority that the safest course of action is not to subject the mother to the trauma of aborting her child but to just deliver the baby (who may or may not live but is not intentionally killed).

We seem to live in a throw-away society that regrettably has been extended to human life. I believe that the unborn child is unique, fully human, and unrepeatable, and that we as members of the human race have a civic and moral duty to protect all innocent human life. I believe that abortion is not health care because health care is intended to safeguard and preserve life, not destroy it. I believe that all of us have a right to life, and I'm deeply grateful that anyone reading or hearing this testimony had a mother and/or father who honored that right to live.

LD 1619 is directly opposed to the precious gifts of freedom and life that I fought for as a career U.S. Naval officer. I humbly, but with conviction, ask you to oppose this bill. The State of Maine deserves better!