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LD 1619

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Maine Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing today to strongly urge you to oppose LD1619. I cannot even believe that it would be necessary here in our great USA to have to ask you to protect our most basic right -- the right to life. It is barbaric to snuff out the lives of unborn babies who are clearly human beings. It is very evident when you look at an ultrasound, that babies are truly a living miracle at all stages of their lives. When we saw the very first ultrasounds of our babies, I can still remember being amazed at how tiny and perfect they were. Even Dr. Suess books recognize the common-sense truth that, "A person is a person, no matter how small." To allow these babies to be killed is absolutely unthinkable. They are the very future of our state and country.

We have family members and friends that have wanted to adopt babies, and it is next to impossible to do that in this country because so-called unwanted lives are discarded before they are even born. There are so many who would gladly take any of these little precious lives and lovingly bring them up in their homes.

From my own experience, I was advised by my doctor to abort one of my babies, due to my health issues. They said if I carried through with the pregnancy that both of us would likely die. I refused to abort my baby, knowing that her life was a gift from God that was not mine to take. We both lived, and she was perfect. I cannot even imagine what our lives would have been without her. I am beyond grateful for choosing life, and I urge you to do the same today.

Many of you that are in favor of this bill are claiming to have the mother's best interest in mind; however research and countless personal testimonies from women that have had abortions suggest that those women deal with a lifetime of grief, loss, and emotional trauma over their choice to kill their child. It is not helping them by enabling them to commit murder.

Please do not pass LD 1619. Thank-you for your time.