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LD 1619

To all honorable members of the joint standing committee on judiciary, My name is Tonya Gifford and I'm a resident of Mount Vernon.

I am testifying in opposition of LD 1619.

My first doctor's appointment when I found out I was pregnant was life changing. After my exam the doctor told me that I was having an ectopic pregnancy and tried giving me medicine right away to "flush my system" as he put it. Luckily I refused and got a second opinion, that showed my son right where he needed to be, he is ten years old now and I'm beyond thankful everyday that we got a second opinion. Aside from religious, personal or moral beliefs, Doctors are human and make mistakes too, why give them even more power? The VERY FEW cases in an emergency setting can already be done in neighboring States, please leave Maine as it is.  
Please vote ought not to pass!