

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen and Honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary my name is Michael Sullivan, Sr. Pastor of Caribou United Baptist Church. I come before you today to speak in opposition of LD 1619.

Today I place before you a heartfelt plea to let the unborn children live. Genesis 1:27 proclaims that "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them." Life is sacred and created by God and it is His workmanship.

Although now we sadly look back upon legislation that stripped indigenous people of their humanity in times past, I believe that similarly future generations will look back in horror in many of the stances we have taken that are in direct opposition to the revealed will of God, and as such each person will stand before Him to give an account. You all here today will give an account before God for if LD 1619 is passed, or rejected. You and you alone will bear the responsibility for the allowance of taking innocent lives of the unborn babies if this legislation is passed (Romans 14:12).

These are some of the key truths why Christians stand with life beginning in the womb. In Psalm 139:13-16 it says, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."

- God formed us in the womb
- He knit us together in the womb
- We are intricately woven together by God
- He knows all our our days from the womb to the tomb

As you move forward with any decision, I respectfully request that you are mindful of the rights of Christians and the rights of the unborn. There is no more basic right than the right to life. I implore you to consider which side of history you will be on and whether or not you will stand with the revealed will of God. Biblically it is clear **life is life**. As a minister in the State of Maine, I stand in solidarity with these truths of God.

I urge you to vote "ought not to pass" on LD 1619.