

LD 1619 - An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws

Memorandum of Opposition

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To: Honorable Members of the Committee On Judiciary

From: Jonathan Martell

RE: LD 1619 - An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws

Members of the committee, I would like to express my Opposition of LD 1619 - An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws

My Name is Jonathan Martell, and I'm from Sanford.

First of all this bill goes way beyond anything medically necessary to save the life of a mother. It is murder of those that some deem to "Not be human" or "Not have rights" Does this sound familiar? It should. An unborn child is its own entity and has the right to life.

Secondly, the "Policy" change does not define what conditions it would be considered necessary. Could that be as simple as the mother not wanting to keep the baby? Removing this qualifier leaves this wide open to any whim from the patient or the doctor.

After viability an abortion may be performed only when it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother in the professional judgment of a physician licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 36 or 48.

Third, by removing the penalties, it makes the Policy unenforceable. Remember the scare of back alley abortions? If there is no penalty, and someone has difficulty convincing a professional that it's necessary, this is exactly what you will end up with.

I've watched literally hours of hearings grilling Dr Nass for prescribing common antibiotics to help treat COVID-19 Symptoms, but now the Legislature that loves crucifying doctors wants to allow anyone with a coathanger to do abortions? Where is the logic in this? Where is the standard of care that I keep hearing so much about?

Please save the lives of countless babies and vote ought not to pass for this bill.

Sincerely,

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