

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Sheri Larsen and I am a resident of Winslow. I am offering my testimony in opposition to LD 1619 - An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws.

Pro-life and Pro-choice advocates disagree on much, but there is common ground: both sides want to ensure the chance for life; one for the mother and child, one for the mother. But LD 1619 takes reproductive rights too far in exterminating the healthy, viable life of a child.

Whatever your personal view on abortion, no one can argue that a life capable of living outside the womb yet discarded like garbage is a tragedy of the extreme and not right for Maine. This bill IS extreme. We need to work to help women in these cases find life-saving viable solutions and care. I urge you to oppose this drastic bill and support most Mainers who do not want this bill to pass.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

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