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LD 1619

My name is Cheryl Carlson and I live in Lisbon Falls. I oppose LD 1619 with everything within me.

36 years ago I was 17 years old at the beginning of my senior yr of high school and pregnant. I am so thankful that I was made aware of the atrocities of abortion at the age of 12 by Right to Life. Because of that knowledge there was no choice for me when I read the pregnancy test. It did not say to me that I had a choice. It told me that I was going to have a baby. I was scared of all the unknown ahead. It was one of the hardest things I've ever walked through. This made me stronger and I set out to help other women in this same situation. People argue that those of us who are prolife don't care about the mother. I care and many others do as well. I put my heart into action to create a nonprofit home for women who are pregnant and have no place to go here in Maine. I believe life begins at conception and every child has the right to live. My oldest daughter who came into my family through foster care at the age of 14 was pregnant at 19. She also chose to have her baby. Her daughter, my granddaughter, was born at 26 weeks at 2lbs 2oz. She is now a vibrant 17 year old about to graduate High School herself. No one can say that she was less than a live baby. Two of my other grandchildren were born at 29 weeks and 30 weeks . they are now 15 and 10 years of age . There is no denying LD 1619 is license to murder. The life of the babies of Maine is in your hands. I implore you to vote ought not to pass.