

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Ray Thombs from Union Maine. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

I speak to you as a father who has experienced the loss of 2 of his four children. One boy who left this world while in the womb and one who made it to 30 before she entered heaven's gates. My family and I have lived out tens of thousands of hours in hospitals from Johns Hopkins to our very own Maine Childrens Cancer Program.

Leave Title 22 alone. Honor the governor's claim that she made during her campaign where she said she has no plans to change this law. LD1619 does not center around reproduction or health, and its deceptive title does not accurately depict its contents. Furthermore, this bill aims to eliminate standards and accountability, which will attract malicious actors. Therefore, my recommendation is to reject this bill.

According to a few polls, there are at least 400,000 Maine voters, and potentially over 700,000 voters, including both pro-choice and pro-life advocates, who support the rejection of this bill. The will of the people is quite clear.

If this proposed bill were to move forward, know that a few of us have put together a draft bill called "The Endangered Beings Act". The Preamble states: Whereas every human being has a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and whereas foetus infans humanus, the unborn human being, is a member of the human family and entitled to the same protection under the law, it is hereby declared that the purpose of this act is to provide protection and preservation for endangered human life, especially foetus infans humanus, and to ensure that the value of human life is respected and upheld by all members of society.

Life for All

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