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LD 1619

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I wish to submit written testimony in opposition to LD 1619 An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws. Terminating life at any stage is wrong. Terminating a life beyond the point of medically accepted viability is morally wrong and one only needs to examine MRSA Title 17-A §208-C: Elevated aggravated assault on pregnant person on one hand provides for an aggravating factor to be applied in the case of an assault which causes harm on a fetus and then goes on to provide for an exception for medical procedures in which the consent of the pregnant person, or a person authorized by law to act on her behalf is obtained but it fails to discuss obtaining consent from the medically viable individual the aggravating factor is being justified for!! If an act of the medical provider is causing harm and, in this case, intentional termination of life of the fetus who is reached a point of development which the medical community and medical science determines make the fetus viable, can we morally and ethically proceed without obtaining the consent of this medically viable individual? The ethical and moral consequences of this legislation are so grave that I respectfully ask that you vote this bill out of committee "ought not to pass!"

Respectfully submitted,

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118th Maine Legislature