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LD 1614

Sen Carney, Rep. Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,  
My name is Renee Fortin, I live in Lewiston

I am writing in support of LD 1614 - An Act to Require an Ultrasound and Certain Counseling Before an Abortion

Summary and Facts: Summary: LD 1614's changes would provide a woman with more information to make a life-changing choice.

~13 states require verbal counseling or written materials to include information on accessing ultrasound services.

~27 states regulate the provision of ultrasound by abortion providers.

~ 6 states mandate that an abortion provider perform an ultrasound on each person seeking an abortion and require the provider to show and describe the image.

~10 states mandate that an abortion provider perform an ultrasound on each person seeking an abortion, and 8 of these require the provider to offer the patient the opportunity to view the image.

~ 8 states require that a patient be provided with the opportunity to view an ultrasound image if their provider performs the procedure as part of preparation for an abortion.

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<https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/requirements-ultrasound>

Why wouldn't any reasoning person not want to offer the following:

Reason for Support:

Medical facilities will provide a woman seeking abortion an ultrasound and inform them of all their options

- a. A medical provider will inform the patient of the procedure and risks of an abortion.
- b. Patient will be informed of alternative options including adoption and parenting.
- c. Patient will be informed of supportive community resources,
- d. Patient will be given an ultrasound which will be observed by the patient.
- e. Patient will be given a minimum of 48 hours to make an informed decision.
- f. All information given is documented and signed by the patient.

I am praying for you all and urging a vote in support of LD 1614