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LD 1614

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,
I thank you for your time and your service to our beautiful state of Maine.

I would like to offer testimony on LD 1614: An Act to Require an Ultrasound and Certain Counseling before an Abortion.

Many women think their only option is abortion in an unplanned pregnancy and they are distraught about it.

Pregnancy option education and an ultrasound that the pregnant woman can view are crucial for her to make an informed decision concerning her pregnancy and for her lifelong mental health.

No woman should feel pressured to have an abortion when she does not want to have one.

Women are strong and intelligent. They should not be kept in the dark and information should not be held back from them.

Many women choose to carry to term when they learn they do not HAVE to have an abortion.

The science is clear. It is without doubt a human child growing inside a pregnant woman. Research is becoming more and more clear all the time as well - many women who have had abortions, regret them.

The very least providers can do is give a woman all her pregnancy options, show her the truth - that it is a "little one" in her uterus, fetal development information on her pre-born child, and offer her a little time to slow down and truly consider what she needs to do.

Withholding the truth from a woman, is a great disservice to her and for so many it ends in an ongoing, lifelong heartache of regret.

The women of Maine deserve better.

I ask that you vote LD 1614 ought to pass.

Thank you,

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