

Testimony of Bryan M. Dench in Support of LD 1614

My name is Bryan Dench and I live in Portland, Maine. I am an adopted child born to a young college student in Massachusetts in 1949. I have three adopted children, one born in Bangor, one born in Delhi, India, and one in Dallas, Texas. **I am testifying in support of this LD 1614 calling for true informed consent before abortions through requiring an ultrasound. This minimal requirement assures that pregnant women are fully informed about their choices before undergoing abortions. If we want “choice” should we not want that choice to be made only when a woman is in possession of all pertinent facts? A choice of such magnitude, with potentially life long repercussions, should be undertaken only with a complete understanding of the facts. This is about the health of the pregnant woman as much as about protection of the unborn. It's common sense.**