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It is my hope the 131st Legislative for the great State of Maine voice a "yes vote" for the passage of LD 1197. My purely personal reason that I am providing written testimony for LD 1197 is because I cherish maintaining life and a God gifted soul at all stages of human being existence from conception with unique DNA through fertilization to fetus development for a special Lord God's mission in life in the womb. Biblical Scripture in Luke 1;31-32 (NAB version) says: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called son of the Most High…"

The State governments like Texas and Wisconsin are using the six weeks fetus heartbeat law. However, six weeks is much too long for a fetus heartbeat legislation in any State of the United States (USA). Also, any person that states life does not initiate at conception is lying to force their unjust and ungodly paid political agenda. Maine needs to use 18-21 days or earlier for their fetus heartbeat law to prohibit abortions.

Any individual person should not be forced, against their will, to undergo an abortion by any means. God provides us a free will and it is common sense that all aborted babies' living souls and spirits go straight to heaven. Let us hope all Legislators have a belief in a living God and they do not choose to play God's role themselves with Maine Laws.

Videos providing actual flicker sounds of fetus heartbeats 5-6 weeks of pregnancy are as follows:

https://youtu.be/4QpVOY8Q0vo

https://youtu.be/\_PzMqt3CnfE

https://youtu.be/tEvh9FEzVyc

https://youtu.be/6igN7EyathU

https://youtu.be/uQdjbaWUtKI

Human life starts at conception. Unfortunately, most people desire some reliable measurement and visible proof of human life in order to voice that it has legal significance. Half of all Americans believe an unborn child in the womb should not be aborted once a heartbeat is detected. Article found in the September 2, 2021 issue of USA TODAY states this fact:

https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2021/09/02/texas-abortion-law-victory-amer icas-children-roe-wade/5693663001/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=bbdabdb8-2f3 2-4a10-addd-59d50474a6f9

In fact, the Holy Bible provides God's view that the unborn child in the womb shows life the very minute blood is flowing through a detected heartbeat. Leviticus 17:11 says: "Since the life of a living body is in its blood ...." (NAB version).

When can you hear the fetus heartbeat for the first time? The unborn child's heart starts to beat as early as the 18-21 days of pregnancy. This is when the first sign of a developing embryo called a fetal pole is visible.

Related references are the following website links:

https://www.justthefacts.org/get-the-facts/babys-heartbeat/

https://youtu.be/xiZemvnCyXE

https://youtu.be/Ccb1dgJoodM

Another important fact is the unborn fetus feels pain at 18 weeks according to Dr. David Prentice:

https://youtu.be/10AHcNOnaHg

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