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LD 1614

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Janet LeBlanc and I am a resident of Waterville. I am testifying in support of LD 1614.

LD 1614 provides for women to make a more information life-changing decisions. Under LD 1614 the patient is given an ultrasound which will be observed by the patient. An ultrasound allows the patient to be better informed of the procedures and risks of an abortion. This bill requires patient to be provided information of alternative options including adoption and parenting. These are options someone who is scared may not know where to find this information. The patient may not be aware of supportive community resources exist or how to find them – this bill requires the patient to told. Then the patient is given at least 48 hours to consider the new information and to connect whit her support system. This bill should become law because it helps the patient to make a better informed decision.