TESTIMONY OF ANDRE LEVESQUE.

In favor of LD 995

An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons –

Before the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee Sponsored by: Rep. Tracy Quint of Hodgdon

Public Hearing May 8, 2023

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee.

My name is Andy Levesque I'm a resident of Gorham, a faithful Catholic, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a board member of Maine Right to Life.

To begin, On Monday May 1^{st,} this Capital experienced a historic show of pro-life Mainers gathered here opposing LD1619 which would terminate the life of a baby at the time of birth.

I hope and pray that our sheer numbers will give you affirmation that the majority of Mainers do not support the Governor's Bill to kill our newborns.

Today I am testifying in support of LD995.

A second opinion is common sense with any major health concern and is especially important when lives are at stake.

Many health insurance plans already cover second opinions for major health diagnoses.

This bill would just codify that coverage for a second opinion and would be available when it comes to saving the life of an unborn baby.

I urge you to vote **for** LD 995

Thank You,

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