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Dear Maine legislators, I know that you have many hard duties to deal with for the State of Maine. I respect your work and pray for you as I am instructed from The Bible, God's Word.

The abortion issue is a strongly contested subject for both those who are for and against it. I stand and pray against it, not in any way to be hurtful to the mother, but to protect the life of the defenseless unborn life.

I know rape and incest are terrible crimes against women and I believe the guilty should be punished in harder ways than are currently being used. In the cases of rape and incest however, the child is not at fault. "The guilty should be punished, not the innocent. Creating a second victim does not undo the damage done to the first. " 1 (see footnote) These two broken laws are cited as the strongest reasons for abortion, yet they make up 1.5-3 percent of the pregnancies. The remaining 97 percent are used mostly as birth control. Abstinence and or taking responsibility for the unborn life would save many lives.

Since Roe vs Wade decision, 63 million babies have been killed. I couldn't find Maine's numbers but somewhere around 50,000 - 75,000 would not be overestimated based on the recent CDC numbers I could find. Not too long ago Maine became the oldest state in the country by percentage of aged people. 15 more have closely followed. Our work force is shrinking and we think giving illegal immigrants will fill the void we created ourselves. We reap what we sow.

Psalm 139:14 a says " I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Please value life, all life and do not change the Constitution to allow more devaluation of the unborn child.

Respectfully,
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