

## HP635 - Criminalizing Abortion

Hello, I'm Justin and I've lived in Maine my entire life. I have been raising my children here their entire lives. I have three extraordinarily kind, loving and intelligent daughters. I am here today to talk about HP635, An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion put forth by my state representative Mike Lemelin.

Firstly, I'd like to point out a glaring flaw in this bill. It attempts to redefine what "Human being" is meant to be in the eyes of the legislature. It states that becoming a human is what happens at the moment of conception. Now, looking around our state bills with some internet searching, I can't seem to find a single definition of what conception means. It feels irresponsible, dangerous, and misinformative to define a human being based on an axiom that does not exist and is undefined. Remember how, in math class, dividing by zero wasn't allowed because it's undefined? Now either Lemelin is bad at math, bad at his job, or both by defining what a human is based on the undefined. District 53 deserves better, and all of Maine deserves better.

Secondly, I'd like to tell people about the chat I had with Lemelin about this bill. I called him and we spoke for 15 minutes. His views of women are saddening. He doesn't care to protect our children from predators, he doesn't care to protect our women from wanted pregnancies gone wrong and he seems to have a complete disregard for medicine, science and the doctors that have spent years training and working to protect women. Now the absurdity of two men fighting about women's rights did not go over my head, I assure you. Lemelin is looking to force decisions on Mainers that he himself cannot and will not be ever forced to make. He will never have to know what it feels like to miscarry, or to have to make a difficult choice about a pregnancy, or to even just have an emergency that can be mitigated by an abortion procedure. Mike also doesn't believe that women, or doctors, are capable of making these difficult choices, and wants to force them upon people.

I'd like to close with the following. This bill is properly undefined, as you cannot define the moment of conception. Mike Lemelin, the creator of this bill, is absolutely unserious about the severity of anguish, pain and loss something like this would bring upon our state and believes women are too incompetent to choose what is right for themselves. You can listen to my conversation with Mike about this bill at [MikeLemelinHatesWomen.com](http://MikeLemelinHatesWomen.com). That is Mike L E M E L I N hates women dot com. Please toss this bill where it belongs, in the trash.

Thank you