

TESTIMONY OF ANDRE LEVESQUE.

In favor of LD 494

“An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment, Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services -”
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Sponsored by Rep Kathy Javner of Chester

Public Hearing May 5, 2023

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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

So we meet again, after Mondays historic show of pro-life Mainers opposing LD1619 which would terminate the life of a newborn baby

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

Today I support LD494,771,1197,1249,1614 and 1809

In particular, I will be testifying in favor of LD 494, an act that would prevent Maine taxpayers from funding abortions

For years, while praying peacefully in front of abortion clinics, I would see **mothers** enter the building

Then exit - broken and sorrowful I have seen this in their eyes and on a few rare occasions, the same expressions would be on their boyfriends or husbands

Though some of you may not believe in sin, I assure you sin exists and we are all accountable for the actions we make in our lifetime

Because abortion is the act of ending the life of a child

My conscience detests this action, just as I would not harm another person

So why am I forced to participate in this horrible crime against humanity?

As an Army veteran, I served to uphold the laws of this land, but more importantly, I uphold the laws of my creator

I won't quote any Bible passages or give you historical accounts of the mistreatment of Americans

I will say that each one of us has a MORAL compass

We know the difference between right and wrong

For me, my family, and my Christian community to be forced to pay for abortions is unacceptable

I urge you to vote for LD 494, It's the right thing to do

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