

In favor of LD 494

**“An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment, Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services -”
Public Hearing May 5, 2023**

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, My name is Kathleen March and I'm a resident of Windham

Monday I testified in opposition of LD 1619 which would allow a full term baby to be aborted

As I know firsthand the detriment of having an abortion and that the damage does not only apply to the developing life of the baby but also the mother, Today I stand here to support LD494, 771, 1197, 1249, 1614 and 1809

In particular, I want to speak to LD 494 an act that would prevent Maine taxpayers from funding abortions

Abortion is an act that does not support life, there is nothing in the act of an abortion that relates in any way to what is necessary to facilitate life Therefore there is no Humanitarian reason to fund abortions or assist in their funding by society or governments such as the need and purpose for government funding in food, shelter and medicine to sustain life

Tax dollars should be spent on the Basic needs for people to live not be paying for people to die

As a contributing member of society, I pay my taxes I do not support the act of harming another human being and certainly do NOT want MY tax dollars to support taking the Life of a child

I do not want to be forced into supporting this despicable act against humanity

Forcing me to pay for abortions in any way and therefore to be party to them is Unconscionable, unacceptable, Wrong and it pains me

I urge you to vote for LD 494

Thank you

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