

MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE

LD 771 An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion

Support

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee My name is Karen Vachon I am the Executive Director of Maine Right To Life, in Auburn, and a resident of Scarborough I come before you today to speak in Support LD 771

Maine Right to Life is a state affiliate of the National Right To Life Committee We are a non-profit organization founded to protect and uphold the dignity and worth of every human life from conception to natural death by making abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia socially, ethically, and legally unacceptable and to actively promote positive alternatives

We are Pro-Life, Pro-Active, and Pro-Women Our members share a belief that women were created uniquely to fulfill a very important role in mankind Women have a womb They bring new life into the world They are to be honored, respected, and protected The word, "reproductive" means to produce an offspring

A change of heart is life-saving in so many ways Most especially with abortion Not only does it save an unborn's beating heart, a change of heart for a woman spares a lifetime of grief, remorse, and regret The ability to change course requires courage There is nothing more powerful, though, when you know heart of heart what you must do, you take control and you do it The impact spreads far and wide

Some of the most noted converts who saw the light, changed their minds, and became outspoken supporters of human life is Bernard Nathanson and Abby Johnson

Dr Bernard Nathanson oversaw at least 75,000 abortions between 1970 and 1979, of which, 5,000 he performed himself He earned the nickname Abortion King By 1973 the advancement of ultrasound technology, helped him see abortion for what it is and the pain the fetus experiences Nathanson became Pro-life Were it not for his complete change of heart, we would never know the truth about the deceptive narrative of the abortion industry's power, influence, and lies that were cramming abortion down Americans' throats

Abby Johnson, was director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas, but not long after assisting in an actual abortion procedure for the first time, she had a change of heart and joined the Coalition for Life

This past Monday this committee heard testimony from countless women who were considering aborting their babies, and had a change of heart They spoke of the many blessings of that decision When your heart says change course You should listen

My hope is that committee members who oppose this legislation and support LD 1619 have a change of heart How can saving a human life ever be a bad thing Every single one of us in this room has "life privilege" The ability to pass that "life privilege" onto an unborn child through a change of heart is the very greatest gift of life Please vote ought to pass You will never regret this decision Thank you

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