

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Rey Dubois, from Bangor, and I am speaking in favor of LDs 494, 771, 1197, 1249, and 1614

I base my presentation on what is FAIR and what is MORAL

The Hyde Amendment limits Medicaid reimbursement for some abortion costs, and it is entirely fair that the Hyde Amendment be enforced in Maine, like it is in most other states. Tax payers should not be forced to pay for the elective procedures that are abortion, when they profoundly disagree with abortion, the killing of a pre-born child. Our elderly, intellectually disabled, and homeless people need those tax dollars more than the 98% of women who become pregnant through their own behaviors. We taxpayers should not have to pay for the consequence of a man and a woman's consensual act that results in an unplanned pregnancy. It's time for them to pay for the result of their own decisions.

An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion makes so much sense, that I'm even surprised to see that this legislation must be required as a law. Don't we all agree that "NO" means "NO!" Shouldn't you be allowed to change your mind, save a baby's life, and have your decision respected? Pass LD 771 without any haggling. It makes so much sense.

LD 1197 is similarly so straight forward that it should pass without resistance. It is just so FAIR that a woman should not be coerced into killing her child. Aren't people always given appropriate information/education re elective procedures?

LD 1249 restricts a Physician from prescribing abortion through telehealth. Wouldn't you think that an ethical medical practitioner would want to do an actual face to face physical exam of a pregnant lady before doing something so drastic as kill her child? To abort a baby without knowing the correct fetal age, placenta location, or potential presence of ectopic pregnancy seem tantamount to malpractice. Isn't the health and safety of the mother supposed to be so important? LD 1249 certainly protects the health and safety of the mother more than ANY of the bills discussed in hearings on Monday.

LD 1614 requires that an ultrasound be completed and counseling be provided. Appropriate diagnostics and full discussion of safety and options seems like something a respectable practitioner would provide.

All of us testifying today are going to tell you these bills ought to pass, and I recommend that you vote "Ought to pass", but not just because they might result in fewer babies being killed. Pass these bills because they'll result in the mothers being treated more safely and professionally, and the medical providers will practice their trade in a more professional manner.