



## Christian Civic League of Maine

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Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and members of the Maine Committee on Judiciary, I am Mike McClellan, Policy Director for the Christian Civic League of Maine. The Christian Civic League of Maine envisions a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished. We believe a Biblical approach works in life and including in governance.

I am here to testify in support of LD 1614, An Act to Require an Ultrasound and Certain Counseling Before an Abortion sponsored by Representative Griffin of Levant. LD 1614 would create positive changes to provide a woman with more information, critical to make a life-changing choice.

When passed, LD 1614 would (13 states now) require verbal counseling or written materials to include information on accessing ultrasound services. It would (27 states now) regulate the provision of ultrasound by abortion providers. It would also (6 states now) mandate that an abortion provider perform an ultrasound on each person seeking an abortion and require the provider to show and describe the image. LD 1614 (10 states now) mandates that an abortion provider perform an ultrasound on each person seeking an abortion, and (8 of these) require the provider to offer the patient the opportunity to view the image. It would (8 states now) require that a patient be provided with the opportunity to view an ultrasound image if their provider performs the procedure as part of preparation for an abortion. Finally, (6 states now) require that a patient be provided with the opportunity to view an ultrasound image.

LD 1614 would require medical facilities will provide a woman seeking abortion an ultrasound and inform them of all their options:

- a. A medical provider will inform the patient of the procedure and risks of an abortion.
- b. Patient will be informed of alternative options including adoption and parenting.
- c. Patient will be informed of supportive community resources.
- d. Patient will be given an ultrasound which will be observed by the patient.
- e. Patient will be given a minimum of 48 hours to make an informed decision.
- f. All information given is documented and signed by the patient.

LD 1614 would provide much information to a woman who might be in crisis or simply considering options. It would be consistent with areas of healthcare, given abortion buildings are not regulated for health and safety, this legislation is critical for Maine women.