

Speaking Against LD1619

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Hello my name is Eric Fenton, I am the father of 2 beautiful daughters and 3 handsome sons. My wife and I live in Somerset County. We moved to Maine in the summer of 2013, and shortly after started helping in our community as Foster Parents. During our time as foster parents we worked with over 40 different children from all different backgrounds. Adopting a few along the way too. Every single child that we helped had a story this is my daughters story.

In **July of 2016** my daughter's birth mother walked into an abortion clinic at **24 weeks pregnant** and requested an abortion. *Maine state law currently and in 2016 allowed abortion up until viability.* At 24 weeks the birth mother was told by that clinic "Sorry, it's too late," and was sent home to finish her pregnancy. Due to some complications, my daughter, **Dorothy was born just 5 Weeks Later, at 29 weeks.** A tiny but **healthy 3 lb 3 oz precious baby girl** requiring just a little oxygen after delivery.



Those **abortion laws protected my child.** Because of those limitations I get to take my daughter to ballet, my child gets to have an education. She gets to laugh and play on the playground with her friends. She gets to touch the hearts of everyone who meets her. Dorothy has a right to live. The birth mothers right to choice does not Trump my daughters **Right to Life.** Look at her, **if this bill was in effect in 2016 she would be dead.** Please protect these innocent lives.

Thank you

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