

**Madam Chair and Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee,
My name is Wendy Merrill and I live in Benton. I am testifying today in
opposition to LD 1619.**

**Governor Mills proposed bill allowing abortion up to 9 months is
nothing short of wicked. Abortion up to 9 months?! Who are we? Who
have we become?**

**The Governor would have us believe this would be rare. Where have we
heard that before? Safe. Legal. RARE. Remember that? At least 25% of
women have aborted. Not rare. The 'rare' was a lie perpetuated in order
to make killing our children palatable. The terminology of LD 1619 does
not limit to rare cases. As a matter of fact, it erases any stipulation.**

There are no limits at all!

**A New York Times article published on Dec. 31, 2022, quotes Augustine
Fuentes, an Anthropologist at Princeton University, "We think we are
having a debate in the U.S. about when life begins, but we are not. We
are having a debate about when society is going to decide when the
person counts, & not only when the person counts, but WHICH person
counts more."**

**Have we come to a place in society where mothers think they count
more than their child? Every mother I know would take a bullet in order
to protect her child. She would sacrifice her own life in order to save her
child. This is what mothers are made of. It seems this bills' focus is on
the stronger, more powerful, more developed mother. The innocent,
weak, powerless baby is left with no defense at all.**

**This is worth mentioning; after a woman chooses to abort her child and
the dust has settled, there comes a point where she realizes that instead
of sacrificing herself for her child, she literally sacrificed her child for
herself. In the deepest places of a woman's soul, this reality wrecks her.
I know this from personal experience and from more than a decade of
helping women heal after abortion. If aborting a baby in the first
trimester devastates women, imagine what it will do to those that abort a
baby at 9 months.**

**The overwhelming majority of Mainers (including those who approve of
early abortion) adamantly oppose this extreme legislation that would
exterminate our most valuable resource: BABIES.**

**Should our new motto be "Maine. Our once peaceful state - now
shrouded in a dark, foreboding cloud, where the shed blood of innocent
babies flows over our land, coursing through our streams and rivers.
Where we kill our babies and yours too at our expense while selling our
souls. No limits. Any reason. Just come. Maine. The Way Life
Should(n't) Be."**

**This is barbaric. Enough is enough. This insanity must STOP! Join the
overwhelming majority of infant-loving Mainers and vote 'ought not to
pass'.**