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Testimony for LD 1619

Senator Arney and Representative Mooren, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. My name is Pat Dostie and I'm a resident of Augusta. I'm here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

Although abortion is touted as healthcare there are a number of physical complications that a mother who just aborted may face and you never hear of them much.

- Perforations of the uterus
- Hemorrhaging
- Heart attacks
- Endotoxin shock
- Infections
- Major unintended surgery
- Convulsions
- Undiagnosed ectopic pregnancies
- Cervical lacerations
- Uterine rupture
- Even death!

However, the list does not end here. Depression and despair are common after an abortion. Other issues for the mother who aborted - 65% more likely to be at risk of long term clinical depression.

- Women under the age of 25 are at an increase risk of suicide with teenagers 6 times more likely to commit suicide compared to other teens who do not abort.
- Women who abort are more likely to experience future ectopic pregnancies / infertility / hysterectomies, stillbirths, miscarriages and premature births
- In addition, women who abort are 144% more likely to physically abuse their children / have a 60% higher risk of future miscarriages / have a 44% increase risk of breast cancer. For those who've had 2 or 3 abortions a nearly doubling of breast cancer 76-89%.

I'm sure that LD 1619 is being sold as ensuring the health of the mother through all stages of pregnancy even through the 3rd trimester up to birth. This is simply "false" and a former abortionist and practicing OB-GYN Dr. Anthony Levatich states "You never sell a late term abortion to save

a woman's life." Dr. Levantino further explained: "I was faculty at the hospital for nine years, and I saw hundreds of cases of really severe pregnancy complications - cancers, heart disease, intractable diabetes out of control, toxemia of pregnancy out of control. And I saved - in those nine years - I saved hundreds of women from life-threatening pregnancies... by delivering the baby, either induction of labor or caesarean section. And I always tell people, in all those years, the number of babies that I had to - that I was obligated to deliberately kill in the process - was zero. None."

The most common late-term abortion procedure is dilation and evacuation. This procedure can take 2, 3 or more days to complete. A dilator is inserted to dilate the cervix. The mother then leaves the center, goes home or to a hotel, and returns when the cervix is fully dilated. The abortionist then inserts forceps or other tools into the uterus. The abortion is then completed by crushing the skull, tearing apart and removing the baby's body.

Another technique is to inject saline or urea to kill the baby in the womb. Digoxin or potassium chloride are directly inserted into the baby's heart to guarantee the baby's death. Other times the baby is delivered alive and "left to die." I submit to you that the latter is the willful and intentional murder of a person. The baby is outside the womb and no longer a fetus.

It's been estimated that 74% of women felt pressured into an abortion. It should be more supportive of the pregnant mother's health through pregnancy so that she won't have to navigate all the complications and long term consequences that an abortion can have. They need our help at all stages and beyond. That's what I would call pro-women/pro-life. What's right being pro-life means you pro-women.

We should not become another California where abortion facilities sell stored baby body parts. If you think it won't happen here, think twice. If we're willing to allow abortions after viability for any reason, then we're not far behind California.

We need to stop the carnage, the genocide of our own. Life is very precious at every stage of life. Life should be sacred! It's part of our nation's founding principles - Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Liberty and Happiness don't exist if you don't have life.

Maybe, if we treat life at all its stages as sacred, then just maybe the carnage on our streets, businesses and schools will stop.

Post Scriptum:

Since the inception of Roe vs Wade over 63 million babies have been aborted over the last 50+ years, which averages about 1,270,000 abortions per year. The statistics show that 95.5% of abortions are elective or on socio-economic grounds. [The remainder is partitioned as follows:

3.3% for the mother's mental or physical health

1.7% baby's serious abnormality

0.15% to protect the life of the mother

0.1% because of conceiving in rape

0.01% due to incest]

This means that nearly 1,213,000 abortions are performed on the average for convenience. This should be outlawed! In addition, only 3300 are for rape, incest or for the life of the mother. It's difficult to imagine how 3300 justifies all the other abortions - it doesn't even make sense.