

I am a 76-year-old grandfather and couldn't miss the opportunity to come before you!

In addressing LD1619, I would like to begin with a Websters Dictionary definition.

**Expedient:** 1) Suitable for achieving a particular end.  
2) Characterized by what is opportune (i.e., good for the moment at hand)-  
Specifically governed or guided by self-interest.  
This might be financial or Political.

In ancient times the Greeks and Romans, when faced with an unwanted child, often female, they found it **expedient** to take the child to a mountain and expose it. That is, leave it there to die being exposed to the cold, or ravaging animals.

When I was twelve, I met Jewish relatives who still had the tattoos on them from the DEATH Camps. The German leadership found it politically **Expedient** to dispose of the Jewish population.

I have two grandchildren who were born prematurely. In the eyes of some they might have been too inconvenient, and costly. They are grown now, are LOVED, and are being productive and good citizens.

**Expedient** never entered into the equation. Why?

Finally, when I was in my twenties, I was involved with an abortion of convenience.

The young lady and I went with **Expedience**.

After all, in college, and etcetera, etcetera, And I have regretted it for a long time.

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LD 1619      This Bill changes the standard for when an abortion may be performed  
**after viability.**

**From:** “when it is necessary to preserve the Life or Health of the Mother.”

**To: --** “when a licensed physician determines that it is necessary.

**This is much too weak a barrier to snuffing out the life of a viable human  
child.**

**TAKING HUMAN LIFE TOO LIGHTLY WILL LIKELY TAKE US ALL TO PLACES WE DON'T**

**WISH TO GO!**

Thank you.  
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