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Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and other members of the Judiciary Committee

My name is Gregory Foster. I am a resident of the town of Raymond, and I am here to speak in opposition to L.D. 1619.

I believe life begins at conception, that a fetus is its own body with its own DNA and should be protected. I believe this bill and the general attitude toward women's "reproductive rights" (which do not and never existed as rights) excludes the father from the decision to abort the child. I also believe if abortion was not used as birth control, we would not be here today.

Taking the life of an unborn child during any time during a pregnancy is a horrible thing. It is far more palatable to leave the law as is, than to legally be able to kill the child up to birth.

I also believe the legislature's goal regarding abortion should focus on changing the hearts and mind of people. Suggestions of how to do that include simpler and less expensive adoption rules and good quality council for woman contemplating abortion.

I urge you to vote ought not to pass on LD 1619, and any other bill that further enhances the ability of a women to abort their child.

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