

My name is Gary Haynes and I live in Winn. My wife and I have three daughters and nine grandchildren. One of our daughters and her husband have two children, have adopted two children and are in the process of adopting a third child. My wife and I are both retired educators.

I am speaking against this bill, LD1619, and ask that you not recommend passage.

It is hard to think that people would be okay with aborting a baby up to the time of delivery. If that baby had been born and a few days later was killed due to shaking, the parent would be charged with murder. What makes it okay to murder a viable baby before delivery? Location does not change humanity. A baby has the right to life and we should be putting our money and efforts into helping families adopt and not promoting abortion. We should be a culture of life and not a culture of death. If this bill passes then Maine would be known as a state where babies can be murdered up to the time they are born. I don't want that for Maine. I want to be known as a state that welcomes and values all people, including the unborn.

Thank you for your time and I again urge you to vote against this bill.