

Honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Lina OBrion from Saco.

I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619

I would like to share my story: I was fearful of an unexpected pregnancy. The physician who examined me, verified I was pregnant. I had asked about abortion, He told me I had a healthy baby growing inside me. At that point I knew Abortion was not an option for me. I am so grateful to God and that good doctor for telling me the Truth that day. My son is a beautiful person who is gifted & talented. He has helped so many people on his journey through life.

Every ultrasound/sonogram, I have had during my pregnancies - showed me a vibrant living person, who has a God given right to life. To experience this beautiful world and contribute to it.

This bill is too extreme, It would allow a baby that could survive outside the womb to be killed.

I know so many young women who could not get pregnant, tried to adopt, but there were no babies and it was very expensive to adopt.

Many people who I spoke to about LD 1619, were not aware of it. When I explained abortion up to 9 months; they exclaimed " No!! That is murder!!"

People in Maine do not approve of this.

Maine law currently covers medical necessity. This bill has taken out ' to preserve the life or health of the mother ' giving her rights over to judgement of a physician. See Sec. 2. 22 MRSA {1598, sub-1 1. Policy. line 20

This is Maine and Maine women have rights now.

Please see Sec 3. 22 MRSA { 1598, sub-3, line 26. 3. Persons who may perform abortion; (penalties) is crossed out. See line 31 -33 B. Is all crossed out. Taking away protection from a frighten young girl or you could say giving a sex trafficker easy access to any person not licensed to perform abortion but willing to. With not being guilty of committing a Crime.

Maine women deserve more care & protection, if they choose an abortion

Please vote ought not to pass

Thank you very much.

Sincerely ,

Lina OBrion

God Bless you all

Sent from my iPhone