

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Makenzie Ramos and I'm from Orrington.

I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619 which states that "After viability an abortion may be performed only when it is necessary in the professional judgment of a physician licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 36 or 48." Now, as exclusive as "professional judgment" may sound, it is far from that. "Professional Judgment" is applying knowledge, skills and experience in a way to develop an opinion or decision about what is best for a client. My dad owns a sandwich shop and it is in his "professional judgment" that a customer should get a Reuben rather than a BLT. So as you can see the term "professional judgment" should not be the basis on which generations of human lives stand.

This new bill also takes out what used to be included which states, "Any person not so licensed who knowingly performs an abortion on another person or any person who knowingly assists a nonlicensed person to perform an abortion on another person is guilty of a Class C crime." Taking this statement out of the bill takes away the punishment from an uneducated, unlicensed, inexperienced person who performs an abortion on someone and takes away their child's life. So let me ask you this, would you want me, a 15 year old, sophomore in high school to perform an abortion on you or your wife? Would you trust a pregnant woman's life in the hands of a girl who hasn't yet completed Algebra 2?

If indeed you are human, I assume your answers to those questions would be no which is why I urge you to vote ought not to pass. Thank you for your time and consideration.