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Good afternoon, Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Thank you for your service.

My name is Danielle Haggerty, and I am a resident of Hermon. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619 as this bill would allow viable babies to be aborted up until birth.

As a mother of 4 and a grandmother to a beautiful 3-year-old granddaughter who was born when our daughter was 16 years old, my heart breaks for moms considering abortion. No person considers ending a life unless they feel hopeless.

As an elected official in Hermon, I was challenged by a resident saying that I should not cast my votes based on my beliefs. My beliefs are my moral fabric, people elected me because of my character. This is exactly how elected officials should vote, our founding fathers voted as they believed.

Some of you are sitting here knowing that you or your significant other would never abort a viable baby and 65% of Mainers agree with you. You are being pressured to compromise your moral fabric to follow party lines. I believe the majority of people who voted for you, would never, in their wildest dreams, think you would vote for something as heinous as aborting a viable baby. Please do not let them down by caving to pressure in Augusta.

Please oppose this unnecessary, drastic bill. Thank you.

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