

Monday May 1, 2023

Speak Up For Life Testimony, Augusta, ME

Good Morning Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is John Linnehan of Ellsworth. I'm here to testify for myself, my wife Heather, and to urge you to vote Ought NOT to Pass on LD 1619!

I'm going to state my opposition from a Biblical point of view, from God's Point of View! As a Bible believing Christian, I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. A paraphrase of Second Timothy chapter 3 verse 16 is "All Scripture is INSPIRED by God and teaches us what's right, what's NOT right, how to get right and how to stay right." LD 1619 is a perfect example of "what's NOT right"! Remember, this is not John Linnehan telling you his opinion. This is God, Our Heavenly Father, telling me and you THAT LD 1619 Ought NOT to Pass!

God's starting point of life is at **CONCEPTION!**

He is the Creator, the Author of life. Psalms chapter 139 verses 12-15 says: "You made all the delicate inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous---how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me **BEFORE I WAS BORN.**

*Secondly, God says in the Bible that any intentional taking of any life is murder, whether in the womb or outside the womb!*

*Proverbs chapter 6 verses 16-19 says, "There are seven things which the Lord hates. One of the seven things God hates is "hands that shed*

*innocent blood.” Intentionally taking the life of an innocent baby while still in the womb is an example of shedding innocent blood, which God hates.*

Finally, any person that doesn't vote Ought NOT to Pass WILL face the judgment of God for their part in taking even one baby's life, let alone many babies' lives. Like myself, every person on this committee will give an account to God for the things he or she does. Second Corinthians chapter 5 verses 10 and 11 tells us, “For we MUST all stand before Christ to BE JUDGED. We will each receive whatever we deserve, for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. Because I understand my fearful responsibility to the Lord, I work hard to persuade you on this committee. Verse 11 is MY part as God's Ambassador to you today. I'm “working hard to persuade you” to vote Ought NOT to Pass for two reasons: Number One, to save the lives of innocent babies. Number Two, to warn you about the judgment of God for your part in the murder of babies' lives.

I urge each one of you to PRAY for wisdom and to vote Ought NOT To Pass on LD 1619...KILL THE BILL...NOT KILL THE BABY!

Thank You for your time, God Bless you all.