## **Opposition to LD 1619**

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and Honorable members of the joint standing committee on Judiciary.

My name is Christopher Belyea and I am a resident of the City of Caribou in Aroostook County. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

I am an adoptive and foster parent of 3 young children and the father of 2 adult children. My story here today is that of adoption. Adoption changes lives through LIFE, abortion on the other hand changes lives through DEATH. The State of Maine as you know has provision for abortion on its books already and this new amendment takes it too far. There is no need or benefit to having this amendment when Adoption is so easily and readily available. Adoption changed my life when I was adopted at one year of age and then again when I adopted my three children.

Thank you for your service here to the State of Maine and I urge you to Oppose this Bill LD 1619 for the people of the State.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Belyea