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To the Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Perry York and live in Medway, Maine. I am here today to express my opposition to LD 1619. This Bill would allow abortion to take place at any time, for any reason, right up to the time of birth of the child. We in this nation of ours take pride in protecting the Life and Rights of all people. Especially those who are most vulnerable and helpless among us. We legislate laws to protect the life of criminals worthy of death, including rapists and murderers, yet we think it nothing to kill and destroy unborn babies.

Whatever happened to common sense? If each one of us would go off and find a quiet place away from all the noisy rhetoric of those who want to confuse us on this issue, surely we all would come to the same conclusion - that destroying human life is wrong!

One of America's greatest statesmen and presidents, Abraham Lincoln, once said, "I feel sorry for the man who cannot feel the whip on another man's back." Let us not harden our hearts and sear our consciences to the point that we cannot feel the pain and suffering of those in the womb who are about to be destroyed.

Let us listen to the "Better Angels of our Nature" and do the right thing. We are called to love all people, including those who are yet to be born.

If abortion must be legal in the State of Maine, let us at the very least make it rare, safe, and humane.

So I urge you, Do Not Pass this into Law - LD 1619. For this would allow the killing of babies who have developed enough so that they could live outside of the womb.

Thank you for your attention and hearing me out on this matter.

God Bless!