

Senator Carney and representative Moonen, honorable members of the joint standing committee on the judiciary, my name is Joshua La Grange and I am a resident of Veazie. I am here in opposition, to LD1619.

I am a 17 year old, who is unable to understand how someone does not value a life, many people seem to believe that a fetus is not living yet "doesn't count" but if that is the case, then why, if a pregnant lady is killed it's counted as a double homicide, when did we decide to play God and pick and choose when a life has value or not based on convenience.

Now I'm sure there are many different reasons someone would want to get an abortion, but one of the most common I've experienced is, when someone proposes the rape argument, can I not say that we've all learned that two wrongs do not make a right, one terrible deed does not justify the termination of a life.

As the leaders of our nation I hope you choose to pave my future on the love of life and not the convenience of death.

Thank you.