

## **Testimony of Rosemary Kane**

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Rosemary Kane and I am a resident of Standish. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

We don't want to see Maine cheated of its best and brightest future leaders and contributors by expanding Maine's abortion laws to the point of being nearly the most extreme in the country. This is not in Maine's best interest, nor in the best interest of the viable, preborn child.

Nor is removing the penalties for unlicensed procedures in the best interest of Maine women. Abortions, like any medical procedure, are not without risk. It is alarming that this bill, by removing the penalty for an unlicensed practitioner to perform abortions, could potentially lead to inequitable, unethical, and substandard medical care and increased risks to the women seeking help.

Please oppose this unnecessary, drastic bill that the majority of Mainers do not want. Please vote ought not to pass.

Thank you.