

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

My name is Dawn Carder and I am opposed to LD1619. "Life" is my reasoning for opposing this bill. A mother that carries her baby in her womb is carrying a precious life. I believe God created that life as it says in Psalm 139:13, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." It is also known that as early as 6 weeks in the womb the baby's heartbeat can be heard.

To allow this extreme abortion at any time during a pregnancy all the way up to the time of birth for any reason is murdering our next generation of kids. Why is a mother's right to choose abortion more important than the baby's life within her? We must take a stand and find more ways to save babies' lives, because their lives matter too!

One last thing I would like to say is that if Maine chooses to allow this extreme bill to pass I believe it will only hurt Mainers in the end. If people come to "vacation land" for a late term abortion then why would they want to come back to a place that reminded them of death.

Let's choose today to save these babies' lives and give them a future. Let's provide the moms with hope and provisions for their needs.

Thank you for taking the time to listen and hear our hearts.

Please vote ought not to pass.