

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable members of the joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. My name is Misty Amburg and I am a resident of Sidney. I am here to testify on opposition to LD 1619.

In the past 12 years I have given birth to 3 beautiful boys and each pregnancy had its own complications. And 2 out of the 3 were born premature but all of them are perfectly healthy, vibrant and excelling. If this bill is passed, at any point I could have ended these lives that had barely begun. That is just so wrong and heartbreaking, and my heart is heavy today because of what is being proposed here. How did we get to this point with such an extreme and morally bankrupt bill? This does not have the mother or the child's best interest in mind, in fact it's the opposite. It is a demonic agenda so please Vote ought not pass on LD 1619.

Each of my 3 boys were interactive early on in the womb. I could get the babies moving just by a gentle, playful touch. If you ever watch an ultra-sound you will likely see the baby move out of the way from the invasive wand, but if you've ever watched an ultrasound guided abortion that baby will frantically attempt to avoid the weapons being used to dismember it's tiny body until the last second when it's remaining torso and head are sucked out with the attached vacuum, THAT BABY WILL squirm and retreat. They're aware of the threat, they feel the pain, they experience fear, they even cry but no one can hear them in the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester. But there is nowhere to go, and they have no defense... That's why I'm here today, to fight for those unborn babies that have no voice or defense if this bill is signed into law.

These are Lives worth Defending. "Like my shirt says." LIFE – WORTH—DEFENDING and on the back it says- Proverbs 24:11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death.

We can dumb this down and attempt to make it sound clinical by calling him or her, it or fetus...but IT'S a baby... with personality, a future, talents and heart, and late term abortion is nothing less than murder. It's not a procedure due to a medical inconvenience.

God help us, forgive us because there will be blood shed on our hands, on your hands if you allow this bill to be passed. Senator and Representatives, please hear us, Life is sacred, life has value. Psalm 139 says God knitted each and every one of us together in our mother's womb. That should be the safest place for any baby. So Please take into consideration my testimony and vote No on LD 1619. We do not want late term abortion! We do not want this in Maine!

Thank you for listening to me and others here today opposing this bill. Thank you for being a voice and representing our outcry in this matter.

Life is worth defending!!!

Thanks

Misty Amburg