

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

My name is Zoi Ward, and I am a resident of Farmington. I am here today to testify in opposition of LD 11619.

I am testifying here today because this new bill gives the word "extreme" a whole new meaning. I am one of 6 kids and I work with children almost everyday. This bill would allow a baby that could survive outside of the womb to be killed all the way up to birth. That makes me wonder, what if the parents of the children that I get to work with, had this bill? Their parents could have killed these beautiful gifts of life! Which means I nor anyone would have been able to love them or be loved by them, to teach them and even be taught by them, to guide them through lifes many struggles, to help them through many heartbreaks, and to watch them start families of their own.

Abortion at ANY time, for ANY reason is Too extreme for Maine. If you pass this bill Maine will have one of the most extreme abortion laws in the country. Which means Maine will become a hot-spot for women to get abortions.

Life is such a gift and yet you are so willing to take it. For all you know these babies could very well be some of the greatest people to ever exist! They would all have roles if women weren't just killing them. I mean look at everyone here today, everyone has a role, a story to live and a path to follow. Why are we not giving unborn babies the same opportunities?

And as said in Jeremiah 1:5 - Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

And as explained to us by Randy Alcorn; in "Psalm 139:13-16" it paints a vivid picture of God's intimate involvement with a pre-born person. God created David's "inward parts" not at birth, but before birth. David says to his creator, "You knitted me together in my mother's womb." Each person, regardless of his parentage or handicap, has not been manufactured on a cosmic assembly line, but personally formed by God. All the days of his life are planned out by God before any come to be."

And as stated by Charlotte Pence, "If we are truly committed to social justice, creating an environment where people are treated equally and given equal rights, then that has to include the unborn."