

Dear Madam, Mister and Honorable members of the Judiciary committee, my name is Jolene Shults, I reside in Lubec Maine, I'm here today to oppose LD 1619. I'm here to share my views on the impending abortion laws to be determined on this day. I deeply oppose abortion up to day of birth or any other time. I'm a woman who believes in woman having the right to control their own health care. I do not believe in the right to abortion. Putting aside any religious or political affiliation, my views are based on the true scientific fact. Roe VS Wade was determined with limited science input. The Science alone shows the developing fetus at the earliest states of conception. Our Babies have a beating heart, a brain, hands, fingers a full developing body. We now can review at 3-d images and determine what is being developed during the first weeks of conception through date of birth. We now have a growing number of Fetal Maternal Surgeons in the United States that perform surgeries in utero to save the life of the baby...Yes save the life of the baby. The baby is a live little human, an innocent victim without a voice to be heard, Today I'm that voice., I'm here to give a voice to the baby.

Women have the right to control their own health, they also have a responsibility to be responsible. Less than one percent of all abortions in the United States are a result of sexual violence. Most abortions performed at the age range of 20 to 43 years. Nine percent of abortions are performed from the ages of 13 – 19 years of age. Although abortion rates have decreased over the years, we are still seeing where woman are using abortion as a birth control method, multiple abortions.

Today we have multiple options for family planning, birth control pills, patches, injections, condoms. Most are free access. Let us focus on empowering our young woman, to care for there bodies, to honor themselves by making educated choices. Let us focus our attention on the mother and share the resources that supports them from pre-natal to post-partum. We have resources for healthy pregnancy, Housing, food security, educational opportunities that support trade school and college.

Today on social media where a dog and her puppies were abandoned, a few of them had died. The outrage streaming over this report were overwhelming. We are outraged over a dead puppy but why are we not outraged over the slaughtering of our own babies.

Maine does not need to be know as the state who run abortion clinics!!

I pray we come to our senses align our thought and resources and support each other.

Sincerely,

Jolene Shults

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