

Dear Madam/Mister Cahir & Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Bill LD 1619

Hello - I am Tammy Blake from Cushing Maine. I am opposed to the way Bill LD 1619 is written. Please rewrite it.

As a teenager in my junior year of high school, I had to decide to have an abortion or take the road to raising a child. I choose the child. What a wonderful life we have had, even though it seemed bleak at sixteen.

I understand that not all pregnant women decide that - that is why we currently have safe abortion laws in Maine for an abortion up to six months pregnant and further with the health of the mother and fetus directed with a licensed doctor.

I felt my babies moving and kicking long before 7, 8 and 9 months pregnant. I believe Bill LD 1619 is a dangerous bill that will put the pregnant women at risk without educated doctors and increases the death of viable babies. Fetal viability means having reached such a stage of development as to be capable of living, under normal conditions, outside the uterus.

It's a NO to this bill as written. It's an outrage. Please vote NO. I stand for the unborn baby who is viable to live - let the babies thrive. Rewrite the bill to cover exactly what you want to cover – not being so vague that the bill is a risk to women's health and the life of viable new babies.

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