Dear Madam/Mister Chair & Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Michelle Bradley and I live in So Thomaston, Maine. I am writing to you about the bill LD #1619. (Abortion bill)

I am a grandmother of 4 boys. One is an energetic 8 year old who began life as a preemie, 6 weeks early. Another grandson was only 4 pounds at birth and is now a thriving 3 year old running around enjoying his little life. Whether a baby is 6 weeks early, 4 pounds at birth or full term he/she is a real person!

Our current law already allows for late term abortions after 24 weeks if deemed necessary for the health of the mother. It also allows for medical necessity in case of stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, etc.

I am one of the 65% of Mainers who do NOT want late term abortion! I'm asking you today to please, protect these little human beings.

I am also totally opposed to the final point of the bill removing criminal penalties for performing abortions without being licensed as a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse and for performing an abortion after viability of the fetus when it was not necessary for the preservation of the life or health of the mother. This is barbaric saying anyone can perform an abortion anytime!!!

Please, please oppose this drastic bill.

Thank you,

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