

Madam/ Mr. chair and honorable members of the  
Judiciary Committee

My name is Karen Hale and I live in Madison, ME. Our country is divided and Angry. When we are angry, we tend to make unnecessary and bad decisions. Not only is the decision to have abortions to the point of birth immoral, but it is also a knee jerk reaction to a change in the Federal law. I want Maine to be seen as a State, that continually does what is right. Choices have consequences and ones made quickly are usually not sound. I am a veteran, I am a wife and a mother of four adult children. I have experienced the agony of miscarriages and finally, I have a grown child that was born with a severe heart defect. This child grew to become a college athlete who excelled in soccer and basketball. This journey is not easy, but every child is precious. Just because you cannot hear the unborn screams and feel the baby's pain, does NOT make it right. I want to be a voice to stop the baby's pain. Let us open our arms to the joy of holding these babies.