

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

My name is Brian Hale and I live in Madison ME. I am a parent of four adult daughters, two of which reside in Maine and two in other parts of the country. I'm testifying because I am someone who believes that words have meaning, and the current use of the word "healthcare" has been completely hijacked by those who wish to bend the language to mean something that it clearly does not. The words health care when taken in context means to care for one's health. LD 1619 is an extreme bill in which the result of the practice permitted in this bill will not provide health care because the product or, byproduct of the procedure will be the body of a child tossed in a scrap bin. This is not healthcare this is practicing barbarism at its highest level. Many of our neighbors and I have joined the 65% of Maine residents have clearly voiced our opinion that we do not want abortions performed up to the last minute prior to birth. I beg you to hear the people of Maine that you have taken an oath to represent. We are asking that you represent all of us today by not allowing this bill to pass. Thank you for your time.