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Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Ariel Wannemacher, I am a resident of Jonesboro. I am here today to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

I am a father of three children, two of which are here today. Both of my parents and my brother are also here today to Speak Up For Life.

I believe LD 1619 is very extreme and lacks respect for human life. To think that a mother could terminate her child up to the day before she is ready to give birth is unthinkable.

I believe that laws like LD 1619 demonstrate the lack of reverence for all human life.

I believe that if we do not take a stand today to defend life, the day before supporters of this bill themselves would consider that same baby a human, we won't have any moral compass to determine what constitutes life.

Abortion at any time, for any reason is too extreme for Maine. Medical necessity is covered under current law.

As a Maine resident which you represent, I ask you to oppose LD 1619, It does not represent me, it does not represent Maine. Please vote ought not to pass.

Thank you.

Respectfully, Ariel