

Good evening Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

My name is Donna Tiemann. I am a 26-year resident of Ellsworth, Maine. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

Current Maine law already allows for medical intervention in order to save a mother's life during stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy and other life-threatening conditions.

LD 1619 would allow a baby who is able to live outside the womb - with or without medical assistance - to be murdered.

A baby is no less a helpless, defenseless human being while in the womb, than a baby after birth.

This legalization of the murder of a baby is an example of the rationalization of evil. Rationalization is the effort of anesthetizing or palliating one's awareness of wrong with an illusion that some desired gain outweighs the evil - in this case the evil is the murder of an innocent, defenseless human being - a baby.

I am also concerned that this expansion of access to abortion up to birth will increasingly enable and encourage the murder of babies known or believed to have physical and/or mental disabilities.

Please vote to oppose LD 1619.

Thank-you.