Maine State Legislature Public Hearing on Abortion Rights

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

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I am testifying in opposition to LD#1619

The Problem: When does a fetus become a living human being, if not at conception?

- 1. 5 seconds after conception?
- · 2. 5 days after conception?
 - 3. 9 months?
 - 4. After his/her first breath?

Just when does he/she become a human being?

Are you sure?

What if you are wrong?

Isn't it a crime to kill a human being?

When during that 9 month period is it "safe" to take his/her life?

Who has the right to make that decision—you or God?

On what basis can you do this?

Please oppose this bill!!

Thank you.