

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

My name is Rosa Smith and I am 19 years old and live in Durham. I oppose LD 1619 because I don't think Maine should allow babies to be aborted who can survive outside the womb.

I was born in China and adopted at three years old. When I was a baby, I was labeled as un-adoptable by the people who ran my orphanage because of my disabilities. I was too small to speak up for myself, but a lady named Julie came to the orphanage and convinced the director that someone in America would want to adopt me. Because of Julie speaking up for me, I was adopted by a loving family in Maine. I am here today to speak up for unborn babies who can't speak up for themselves. Some of them may have disabilities like I do. I know what it is like to be small and not valued but even though some people say these babies aren't valuable or deserving of life, I know they are. Some people in China didn't think I was valuable and deserving of a better life in an adoptive family, but they were wrong.

Please vote against LD 1619 and protect these unborn babies who can't speak up and defend themselves. They are valuable!