

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

My name is Diana O'Brien, I am a resident of Auburn and blessed to have 4 grown children and 8 grandchildren who also live in the State of Maine.

Today, I am testifying in opposition to LD1619 that allows late term abortions. Abortion was legalized in 1973 through Roe V. Wade, so women could be safe having an abortion. Late term abortions seen as overkill. This is when the baby is viable and can live outside the womb. Through an ultrasound the baby is seen sucking their fingers, playing with their toes, and they can also be seen feeling pain if poked. Current laws allow for medical necessity in cases of still born, ectopic pregnancy, etc. Today in 2023 we have many ways to prevent and stop pregnancy prior to 24-28 weeks of pregnancy. Therefore, why is it necessary to have LD1619 here in Maine?

We live in a time where all lives matter. It's time that we stand up for the smallest Mainer's life. They are the future of Maine, please give them a chance to live by stopping LD1619. Thank You.