

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

Hello, My name is ... Ann Roberts, resident of Wilton

I'm here today to speak up for life and AGAINST LD1619 that would expand the abortion industry. Maine already has a liberal abortion law through 24 weeks. If passed, this bill would be moving us in the Wrong direction. Instead of expanding on the killing of babies, I urge you on this committee to Kill this Bill.

I am here today to speak up for life!! To speak up for the lives of those vulnerable and unborn individuals, yet very much alive, who cannot speak up for themselves.

Why are these lives pegged for destruction?
For the filling of pockets with filthy lucre?
For political advantage and manueverings?
Have they no worth or value because someone else is inconvenienced by them?
Because they cannot take care of themselves?
Because they cannot defend themselves?
How Cowardly!
Who are we to say that another human life has no value?
Who determines whether You or I have value?

God alone is Giver and Sustainer of Life and our worth is determined by Him.

We need to stop thinking of unborn babies as potential humans.
We need to remember that each of them is a human with untold potential.

We need to stop kidding ourselves that abortion is health care when it is neither healthy nor caring.
We need to stop kidding ourselves that there is such a thing as a "safe" abortion.
Somebody always dies.

The heart of this human problem is really the problem of our human heart.
We are sinful people. We need to repent and turn to the God of Life!

We as a people are guilty before holy God of the sin of shedding innocent blood. We need to repent and rid ourselves of this crime against humanity.

God is merciful and gracious and does forgive repentant sinners. The blood of Jesus Christ was all the bloodshed needed to pay the penalty for All our sin. We need to repent and turn in faith to God. He alone can forgive our sins.

God is also just. We must all one day stand before God and give account for what we have done.

Please, have no part in expanding abortion in Maine. Kill this Bill LD1619.

I did at one time experience the anxiety of an inconvenient pregnancy. I got pregnant with my 7th child when I was 45 years old. I panicked. I was tired and did not want to be pregnant. I felt sick and heavy and very tired and I just wanted my body back. However after some strong words of rebuke and encouragement I repented of that anxiety and selfishness. My son is now 15 years old and we've very much enjoyed life together for the past nearly 16 years. It was not always easy or convenient, but I am so very thankful to God for the joy and privilege I've had of being a mother and a grandmother.

I am thankful for my beautiful grandchildren, 3 of whom were adopted after having been taken in as foster care babies by my son and daughter-in-law. I am forever grateful that their biological mothers bravely carried them to birth when it would have been so easy to end their lives by abortion in a state that may have considered them of having no intrinsic value.

Another 6 year old grandchild was discovered to have a life threatening malformity in utero. He needed life saving surgery immediately upon being born and spent 3 months in the hospital getting the medical attention he needed. I praise God for his precious life.

My youngest grandchild is yet to be born at 24 weeks. I have an amazing 3D ultrasound picture of him and I am so looking forward to meeting him and holding him in my arms. So are his 2 "big" sisters!

Members of this committee I implore you, Kill this Bill LD1619