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An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws

LD 1619

Oppose

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judicial Committee:
My name is Sharon Moore, from Hampden. I come before you today to speak in opposition to LD 1619.

I want to share with you 3 points in considering this bill.

First, we need to determine if a third-trimester fetus is a human being, having the Constitutional Right to Life.

Does the barrier of the mother's flesh determine its status as human? One minute and a few inches out of the woman's body, does it suddenly become a human being? Third-trimester abortions are inhumane and unnecessary. Fully-developed babies are not part of the mother's body. They are indeed unique humans, as any parent of a premie would tell you.

...yet women are given the misinformation that the things growing inside them are just part of their own body, not a separate person. Later on, many are deeply grieved by what they have been persuaded to do to their child.

To be clear, to end the lives of innocent Human Beings who can survive outside of the temporary sack of their mother's flesh is a Crime against Humanity.

Next, third-trimester abortions are an attack on our Democracy.

- Maine citizens are not being heard and respected. The majority of Mainers oppose abortions in the third trimester
- There is a huge lack of transparency in this situation, and too many secrets behind closed doors. This is not Democracy.
- Voters were promised by our Governor that there would be no changes to Maine's abortion laws. Many Mainers have no idea that this is even happening, and will be shocked when they learn about it.

Finally, abortions are Planned Parenthood's gift that keeps on giving in the world of Systemic Racism.

Dr. Alveda King remarked on the error of Planned Parenthood's abortion-on-demand corporate ideology: She stated:

"The most obvious practitioner of racism in the United States today is Planned Parenthood, an organization founded by the eugenicist Margaret Sanger and recently documented as ready to accept money to eliminate black babies."

From the CDC:

White women had the lowest abortion rate (6.2 abortions per 1,000 women, and Black women had the highest abortion rate (24.4 abortions per 1,000 women).

It's time to *help* pregnant women find solutions to their pregnancy fears, and support life-affirming choices for all Maine citizens.

Thank you