

Senator Carney and Representative Mooney, Honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Gary Sprague and I live in Woolwich.

I'm here today to testify in opposition to LD-1619. This is a huge expansion of a law that has been on the books for 30 years. The idea of allowing abortions at any time for any reason up to the moment of birth is unthinkable. This bill would allow a baby that could survive outside her mother's womb to be killed. This is just plain wrong and a horrible thing to consider. It makes me sick to my stomach to think about it. I've explained to a number of people what the viability language in the current law means and the ramifications of removing the language and every last person's reaction was disbelief that this is even being considered.

Maine law already allows for intervention if the mother's life or health is in jeopardy, as in the case of something like a stillbirth or an ectopic pregnancy.

If passed Maine will have one of the most extreme abortion laws in our country. Is this really where we want to go? I don't think so.

Please vote against LD-1619.

Thank you!
Gary Sprague