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

My name is Nancy Basham, and I'm a resident of Waldoboro. I'm here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

Life begins at conception. That's what science has proven.

Taking the life of a developing fetus is murder. It's no different than killing any human being.

I believe most human beings do not believe in murder, but it may be easier to choose to take the life of a human we cannot see.

We all know, however, that an ultrasound, even at 3 or 4 months, reveals a human baby. There is no doubt that that baby is alive and growing.

So how can we say that it's ok to take the life of that growing, developing baby?

But now, in the State of Maine, we are putting into the hands of our legislative body the right to vote to murder thousands more babies after they have fully developed and are preparing to enter life on earth.

Many, many women have suffered because they chose to abort their babies. Women are being hurt. It's not natural to kill your own flesh and blood. Women are in a vulnerable position. They suffer from choosing abortion even in the earliest state of development. But aborting a FULLY developed baby would be devastating.

I am here, out of my comfort zone, to plead for the life of the unborn, our most vulnerable human beings, who have a right to life.

Please...do not vote for LD 1619. Please vote "ought not to pass".