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Subject: LD 1619 "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws"

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Ann Marie Grenier. I am a long-time Windham resident.

I am writing to you today to urge you to vote ought not to pass on LD 1619 "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws."

1) First, the privacy provisions in LD 1619 is taken care of under HIPPA, making what is proposed as "new privacy laws" unnecessary. Additionally, health care workers are already subject to patient confidentiality laws with respect to maintaining patients' confidentiality above and beyond the HIPPA Rules.

2) The section of LD 1619 quoted & underlined directly below seeks to remove all accountability for the termination of life of the unborn at any time by any unlicensed person.

"Finally, this bill removes the criminal penalties for performing an abortion without being licensed as a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse and for performing an abortion after viability of the fetus when it was not necessary for the preservation of the life or health of the mother."

THIS IS INSANE. You mean to tell me, YOU are ok with the notion that anyone will be able to kill a preborn baby at any time during pregnancy without any consequences. Have you lost your mind, heart and soul?!

3) Lastly, this bad bill LD 1619 is redundant to a Federal Law already in place. Perhaps you are unaware of *Doe V Bolton*. A quick wikipedia search will give you much info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doe_v._Bolton

Notice the broad definition of "health".

Definition of health[edit]

The Court's opinion in *Doe v. Bolton* stated that a woman may obtain an abortion after viability, if necessary to protect her health. The Court defined "health" as follows:

Whether, in the words of the Georgia statute, "an abortion is necessary" is a professional judgment that the Georgia physician will be called upon to make routinely. We agree with the District Court, 319 F. Supp., at 1058, that the medical judgment may be exercised in the light of all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age - relevant to the well-being of the patient. All these factors may relate to health.[1]

It is for all the above reasons and other that I did not even touch on, that I strongly urge an ought not to pass on LD 1619

Kind regards
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