

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

My name is Rita Fontes, and I'm a resident of Kennebunk. I'm here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

I am very concerned that bill LD1619 will be passed! Abortion affects many lives! It has definitely affected mine! I did not realize that aborting my child would bring me years of emptiness and sadness. I so wish I had had the child and given it a chance to live. Adoption would have been a better option than taking a life! The option of abortion should not exist! Women need to be told the avenues available to them for assistance in keeping their child alive.

The issue of this bill is a woman's right to choose. What about the baby girl in the womb? Doesn't she, who one day will be a woman, have a right to choose?

As an elected public official, you stand for the best interest for all persons. The unborn is a person! Please represent this person! Please help women! Help them make a decision that will bring them peace in doing what is right for their child.

You know in your heart what is truly right! I trust you to be fair and just for all.

Please vote ought not to pass.

In all sincerity,

Rita C. Fontes