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

I am Katrin Teel of Glenburn, Maine. I am here to testify in opposition of L.D. 1619, An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws.

As you know, if passed, L.D.1619 would expand abortion access right up to the point of birth for any reason, (thus allowing a baby that could survive outside the womb to be killed, like my neighbor's 5-year-old twin boys, born at 26 weeks and thriving beautifully). This bill would make Maine's abortion laws among the most extreme in the nation.

Current law addresses viability. Current law already allows for medical necessity in case of stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, etc. Over 65% of Mainers don't want late-term abortion. L.D.1619 is beyond abortion, it is infanticide. It is heartbreaking to think that the Governor of Maine would even conceive of such a thing, so radical, heartless, and extreme. This bill is an embarrassment and a disgrace to the state of Maine.

Toward that end, I encourage you to vote no on L.D.1619. The majority of Mainers do not want to see it pass. Thank you for allowing me to contribute my testimony.