

Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

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My name is **Crystal Robinson**, I am a resident of Hope, Maine, and I am testifying in opposition to LD 1619. Article 1 Section 1 of the Maine Constitution protects our natural, unalienable rights. These rights do not come from government and cannot be taken from us by government. As legislators, you swore a solemn oath to this Constitution.

I ask you to look deep into your hearts and ask yourselves if LD 1619 meets the standards set forth in Maine's Constitution. Does it feel right to you as a human being?

Our current abortion law is written to give women the right to abort their babies through full term if their health or life are in danger. There is no time limit, rather the term viability is used. If the child is no longer viable because it either died in utero or is so seriously deformed that it would die at birth, current law would allow for an abortion. Although I believe that a baby's life starts at conception, I understand that not everyone agrees but who can dispute that viability is the point at which the baby and mother are two separate beings, equally deserving of life.

Maine does not allow capital punishment, even for mass murderers, yet here we are debating whether or not innocent children deserve to live.

I was told in my ninth month that our baby could suffer brain damage because of an infection I had. It may not be apparent for weeks or months. When I confided this to a close relative, she shockingly but calmly offered to babysit and quietly smother our child with a pillow so we wouldn't be blamed.

This woman could be easily compared with Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, a woman who met with the Klu Klux Klan to promote eugenics. According to PlannedParenthood.org "Sanger endorsed the 1927 Buck v. Bell decision, in which the Supreme Court ruled that states could forcibly sterilize people deemed unfit without their consent and sometimes against their knowledge. The acceptance of this decision by Sanger and other thought leaders laid the foundation for tens of thousands of people to be sterilized often against their will."

Legislators and even the Supreme Court, make many decisions that are unconstitutional, that ignore natural law - to love each other and do no harm. Do you want that on your conscience?

Please do not put the burden of murdering viable babies on Maine's collective conscience.

Thank you.

My name is **Valerie Robinson**, a resident of Hope, Maine. I support leaving the current abortion law as is. Thank you.

My name is **Christopher Robinson**, a resident of Hope, Maine. I am in opposition to LD 1619. Maine's Constitution is pro life and it is the government's responsibility to protect life by not allowing a viable baby to be aborted. The law, as it stands, should not be expanded. Thank you.