

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee: I am Constance Craven, I live in Corinna and I am 84 years old. I come from Skowhegan, married at 21, had 4 children by 30, was divorced when I was about 38. My ex husband moved to another state and I was left in Nebraska to raise 4 children, ages 8-16, so I moved back to Maine, bought a house in Bradley and worked in Bangor. I was an office manager in Omaha, so found a job with an insurance company and moved up to office manager, then became a licensed insurance adjuster and then licensed insurance agent. My children all have successful professions and so do my 9 adult grandchildren.

I tell you this so that you will understand the idea that women can't have children and still achieve their goals is a lie. It may be more difficult and more responsibility, but women are more than capable of having a child and still having a life, unlike what some of these liberal Democrats want you to believe. Abortion may seem like an option to a surprise pregnancy, but there is no excuse for killing a living human being. Science has proven that a fetus contains the DNA of both mother and father upon conception.

Now I oppose any bills which would allow the killing of children beyond which the law now allows, which is about 20 weeks, for these reasons:

1. Since Science has proven that the human mother and father's DNA is present in the fetus upon conception, and that the female containing the fetus is human, we have to conclude that the fetus is also a human. Because the fetus is actually the beginning of a human baby, that fetus/baby, in this Country, has the "Right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, since there is no distinction between the born and unborn human being in our Constitution and Bill of Rights. That means that killing an unborn baby is murder, the same as killing a 1 month old born baby would be.
2. When we come into Maine there is a sign that says: Welcome to Maine, the way life should be". Now, Gov. Mills and some Democrats want unborn babies to be killed up to 9 months old. Is that really the way we want Maine to be known? Oh, and 7.5 million people have left Calif. Since 1970, because of their liberal policies. Is that what we want in Maine? Now Gov. Mills has joined some kind of Association for REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS. We all know this means that women have the right to abortion. This association was started by the Gov. of Calif. In this Country, women have the right to reproduce (have children) whenever they want and as many as they want. But having Reproductive Rights also means having Reproductive Responsibilities. If a woman decides to have sex, then she should be willing to accept the consequences of her actions. Just as we teach children to accept consequences of their actions.
3. In what Universe do we live where killing an unborn 4 month to 9 month old is OK? A live child with a heartbeat, who can feel pain, suck his/her thumb and smile? A child that could weigh 8 lbs. and be 16" long at 9 months. When is it good or healthy for a woman to have an instrument inserted inside her and her baby cut apart and taken out piece by piece and can you even imagine the pain that unborn child goes through? Unless, of

course, the child is killed before that all takes place. I understand they even count the pieces to be sure they get every piece out.

4. The Bangor Daily News said that some doctors said it could be helpful in case the life of the mother is at stake. Many good doctors have said abortion is never necessary to save the mother. There are other methods. What ever happened to the Doctor's oath, "Do no harm?"
5. I have never seen so little respect for women, especially from the Democrats and our Governor. Apparently, today's women are not capable of carrying a child for 9 months and either taking care of him/her or putting the child up for adoption, and apparently murder of a living human being is OK if it is inconvenient to carry that child to term. The Democrats think so little of women, that they don't think they can finish school, pursue a career and have a life and a child.
6. I am so sick of irresponsible women choosing to have sex then not willing to accept the consequences. If they don't want the possibility of getting pregnant, don't have sex, then they won't have to take care of the human being that is a result of their actions. Having an abortion instead of taking the responsibility of carrying the child 9 months and keeping and loving it or putting it up for adoption is demeaning, sickening, and extremely selfish. Also, the Democrats act like it does not affect women. But if a woman has a conscience, it will affect them for the rest of their lives. This is not healthcare, it is murder.
7. Finally, I am sick and tired of woman saying that murder is healthcare, and women being used as political tools for Democrat candidates to run for office and for the abortion industry to make money. It is time to point out to women that they are being used, and told they are not capable of doing more than one thing at a time. We need to tell women to stop being so irresponsible and selfish. They need to take responsibility for their actions. It is not easy to go through with a pregnancy, but women are certainly strong enough to do what is right.
8. Legislators, I hope you will consider all this before making a decision on any bill to increase the legal time for women to have an abortion. Keep in mind that if you vote for an abortion bill that allows fully formed babies to be killed, you are just as responsible as the mother if she kills her child. I remind you that women are under immense pressure to have an abortion should they find themselves pregnant. By passing a bill to kill more babies, you are adding to that pressure by indicating that it is alright with you if they kill their baby. Please vote against any abortion bills that the Democrats and Gov. Mills come up with.
9. REMEMBER: "WELCOME TO MAINE, THE WAY LIFE SHOULD BE". WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO BE KNOWN FOR, LOW TAXES, FRIENDLY PEOPLE, GOOD OPPORTUNITIES TO START BUSINESSES AND JOBS, OR MAINE, ANOTHER STATE THAT KILLS BABIES UP TO 9 MONTHS?