

**Statement by
Leo Martin
To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
Regarding**

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

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Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present before you. I am Leo Martin, a taxpayer and citizen of Smithfield, Maine.

I am opposed to LD 1619.

I find it contradictory that the Legislature responsible for decimating the lobster industry to SAVE THE RIGHT WHALES (NOAA data 9 mortalities world-wide in the last 5 years due to entanglement), is evaluating the abortion/murder of viable human beings (Maine.gov data averaging over 2,000 abortions per year).

Approving this bill would be enabling interference with the God given "Miracle of Life".

Luke 17:2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

If either of our parents had chosen abortion – with whom would this discussion take place?

I urge this committee to vote this heinous L.D. 1619 **"ought not to pass."**