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Subject: LD 1619

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Dear Chairs Senator Carney and Representative Moonen and Judiciary Committee Members:

In 1977, a book by the world renowned astrophysicist Carl Sagan, "The Dragons of Eden", was published for which he won a Pulitzer Prize. Among other speculations on the evolution of human intelligence, he offered a compromise on the very volatile issue of abortion which I subscribed to for decades until relatively recently.

His argument centered on when a fetus becomes a human being. Simply put, animals and mammals have two levels of brain development known as the reptilian and a limbic stages. Humans have those same two stages plus a neocortex that begins to develop before the 3rd trimester. It's the basis of our intelligence and is what differentiates humans from all other species.

Using Sagan's logic, this is why most people believe that taking the life of a cow, a chicken or a fish for human benefit is culturally acceptable. No matter what a person's position on when life begins such as at conception or sometime thereafter, in my opinion late or full term abortion is murder and should be considered genocide.

Ironically, these very advocates would become apoplectic with anyone shining automobile lights on a turtle nesting area that would endanger the eggs. Furthermore, these same people who incessantly throw out the word "racist" attempting to silence any sort of intellectual debate, neglect to mention that of the 63 million abortions performed since Roe v. Wade in 1973, 20+ million, nearly a third of the total, were disproportionately black. Instead of trying to "dewhiten" Maine through open borders and illegal immigration, the same outcome could've been achieved by not aborting millions of black babies.

Sagan did believe, as many scientists do, that god could be defined as the sum total of all the laws of the universe and did not believe in God as religious people do. However, he did very much rightfully believe in the sanctity of human life and was against abortions after 24 weeks.

Arguments by abortion on demand advocates are not based on science; they're based on a specious "right to choose" premise that is ideologically motivated. Consequently, their position is not the least bit based on any civilized moral code or principle.

Therefore, I urge you to vote "No" on LD 1619 when after the public hearing.

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