

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

My name is Rose Gauthier and I am a resident of Lewiston, ME. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619. With all due respect, thank you for this opportunity to speak today.

I am testifying in opposition to LD 1619 because this bill would allow for abortion at ANY time, for ANY reason and this is too extreme for Maine. Maine would have one of the most extreme abortion laws in the entire country, which is unnecessary since, at this time, medical necessity for abortion is already covered by current law. Abortion is an extremely lethal measure not to be taken lightly, it should be limited to a tight regulation set by the law to protect the rights of the unborn children of our future generations.

I am against abortion, but I do believe that if it must be medically necessary, then we ought to make heavy restrictions on it to prevent misuse and make sure that without a doubt it is the only viable option to save a life. Making abortion easily available for any reason up to the time of birth will only increase the likelihood of abuse of the privilege to take a life unethically.

Please oppose this unnecessary extreme abortion bill that the majority of Mainers do not want to see pass. Thank you.