

Senator Carney and Representative Moone, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Aimee Dalton and I am a resident of Wilton. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

Maybe you have read the article that circulated on the internet years ago, written from the perspective of a neonatal intensive care unit nurse. The article mentions several different aspects that the author didn't anticipate as being part of her work such as, hearing alarms going off in her sleep from her home or willing with every fiber of her being that the preemie in her care would survive the night, and the pride and sense of accomplishment she feels on the day when one that she has worked tirelessly over gets discharged. The author begins each line with "They don't tell you..." I wonder what she would add to her list in response to LD 1619.

After having read this article I can't help but wonder how some babies' lives are seen as valuable and some are discarded. To the ones viewed as valuable, Doctors and nurses are regarded as heroes as they fight to maintain the smoldering wick of the tiny life in their care. While for the babies whose lives are viewed as worthless, the same doctors who have taken the Hippocratic Oath, with one of the promises within that oath being "first, do no harm" will snuff out their tiny lives in the womb of their mother. If that wasn't bad enough, Governor Mills' radical bill would allow others who are not even Medical Dr's the ability to stop a viable baby's heart and dilate and evacuate a mothers womb. How can this be? I beseech you Senator Carney and Representative Moone, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, the passing of this bill is in your hands but by your vote you can stop this heinous practice from being allowed in our state. Please vote No on LD 1619.