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Senator Carney, Representative Mowen,
Madam Chair and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee – I'm Kathleen Hale. I was born and raised in Maine and live in China, Maine. I urge you to vote **Ought Not to Pass on Bill LD 1619 - An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws**. Support pro-choice and pro-life Mainers who stand unified that 3rd trimester abortion should not be legalized in our beloved state.

Senator Ann Carney spoke about this bill and said: "Maine people speak when they cast their votes in the ballot." None of you, or Governor Janet Mills would be in office, had you promoted infanticide during your campaign.

Maine Medical Association whose goal is to be the best voice for all Maine physicians supports this bill. How many physician members support MMA's stance on legalizing infanticide? Can we trust the Maine healthcare system if you can be at a healthcare facility where a woman is 8 months pregnant, delivers a baby – everyone in the room joyfully welcomes this human life. While in the next room a woman is 8 months pregnant, the baby is ripped apart, limb by limb, she delivers a dead baby - same gestation as the baby celebrated in the other room - but there is no right to life, no celebrating, no tears for this infant's suffering. To LD 1619 supporters, the murdered baby is not considered "human", but the other baby is, based on a mother's choice? This is sickening, disturbing, satanic. This is a moral issue not political.

The bill is supported by the Maine Council of Churches who say they're rooted in Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, with justice, compassion, peace. Where is justice, compassion, and peace for infants? As a Christian, I tell you this bill does not reflect Judeo-Christian values, nor does a church that purports to be Christian yet supports this bill. The Christians in opposition today are following Christ's teachings. God said, "what you do to the least of my people that you do unto me." The U.S. was founded on Judeo-Christian values. When we die, Christ will judge us for the good or evil that we've done. If we support this bill, or do nothing to stop it, eternity is a long time to be wrong.

Maine is a destination for enjoying life. We do not want to be known as a destination for death.

Many Democrats signed this bill. Now that they're in office, they champion infanticide, but had they campaigned on this, they know it would have been the end of their political career. This is a lie to the people of Maine. Mainers are not going to be okay with this and for those legislators to remain in office having lied. Kill this bill – not infants. Represent the majority of your constituents. Vote **Ought Not To Pass** for LD 1619. I also request that you oppose LD 776 and LD 1343. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Hale