

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Sam Bridges, and I live in Guilford Maine. I oppose LD1619.

Over the years, GOP leadership has been quiet on Abortion. That changes today. I am the Maine GOP Vice Chairman. I would love to read a direct quote from the first 2022 gubernatorial debate which reads: "no, i support the current maine law".

This is a direct quote from Governor Janet Mills. During that debate Penelope Overton asked governor mills if she supported removing the current viability "restrictions". Governor Mills made it quite clear that she was NOT interested in changing the viability restrictions and in a short 6 months, she has radically altered her position on the lives of our citizens. Governor Mills and speaker Ross have decided to put politics over people in order to push forward a "progressive" agenda.

Merriam-Webster specifically defines the term bipartisan as the following: "marked by or involving cooperation, agreement, and compromise between two major political parties". In the 131 years of the terms existence, bipartisan has become nothing more than a buzz word that politicians use to get elected and convince the American people that everyone agrees with their agenda.

I stand before you today, offering a chance for true bipartisanship. Myself, the GOP, My fellow Republicans and the multitude of fellow supporters, offer our fellow democrats an opportunity for true bipartisanship. Join us in stopping LD1619 to save the lives of our citizens and show that we can achieve true bipartisanship.

It is sad that we have to testify to defend the lives of the most vulnerable members of our society, but given that we are at that point in society, I am honored to be one of the ones standing on the front lines, STEPPING UP FOR LIFE and defending it! I am going to close in a prayer to the creator of what we are defending today.

Please vote ought not to pass.