

OPPOSE - L.D. 1691 ~An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

My name is Lori Cloutier and I live in Richmond. With God's gift of nine grandchildren I stand before you in opposition to L.D. 1619, an extreme and inhumane bill.

Current Maine law is already broad and expansive with abortion on demand. It is deadly to the baby, dangerous to the mother, and unethical, especially for the doctor, in light of the Hippocratic oath to first do no harm.

Is abortion murder? Let's follow the science, a phrase we have heard frequently over the last two to three years. Factually, the science says this is a human being at conception until the last breath at death.

And **Now**, there are those who advocate for allowing the murder of babies after they are born. Is this the slippery slope we want Maine to be on? We are already well down it.

I do not use the word murder lightly, Some may even consider it extreme. Abortion is a euphemism, used to soften and ease the conscience to make acceptable the murder of the most innocent and vulnerable among us.

Words matter. Change the word, you change perception, change perception, you change the mind, change the mind then anything can be made acceptable. This is a well known tenet of Marxism, an ideology behind the murder of millions over the last century. In that same period of time millions of babies have been murdered in the USA. Our constitution explicitly endows us with the God given right, to **LIFE**, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Who are we to deny anyone, especially the most innocent and vulnerable among us, those same God given rights?

If passed, Maine would have the most extreme abortion laws in the entire country, including unlicensed abortionist having free reign . You claim to care about women's health but what about the physical damage done to women including infertility or the scarred emotions and serious regrets that can last a lifetime. Pernicious realities that are rarely brought to light.

When you enter Maine on the turnpike there is a sign that says, 'Maine The Way Life Should Be'. For some it may be, for others not so much. For those others, babies in the womb, it's a lie.

As history is written, is this the legacy we want to be known for? Is this what future generations of Mainers will proudly pronounce as righteous? The way life should be? I think not!

I strongly urge you to vote against this extreme and inhumane bill for the future of Maine .

Thank you,