Madam/Mister Chair & Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Colin McGie and I live in Union, Maine. I am a Christian who believes every human being no matter how big or small is made in the image of God and deserving of life. I am a father of six children, one whom we lost due to a miscarriage, which we look forward to seeing one day see in heaven. I was born a special needs baby with a cleft lip and palate, a congenital defect that has become a popular reason many choose to kill their babies today. I and my wife are raising a child with special needs who while he was a baby in the womb we were given advice on possibly terminating the pregnancy because he might have had down-syndrome. What a terribly evil thing to do to parents! I am a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a preacher of the Bible that tells me one of the first to recognize the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ was his cousin John the Baptist while he and Jesus were just babies in the womb.

In the last year, I have become a citizen of the United States. One of the reasons I became a citizen was because of the values of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, the very same values that should LD 1619 be passed would be denied to numerous babies in the womb here in our great state of Maine. This is a great evil and must be opposed.

This bill is pretending that the question as to whether the mother is carrying a human life in her womb has been answered by the pro-abortion side. It has not. Human history, biology, theology, and morality are all on the side of recognizing the life in the womb as a human life.

I'm asking this committee to oppose the passing of Bill LD 1619, for the sake of their fellow baby Mainers, fellow baby citizens, fellow baby human beings, but most importantly for the sake of your souls. Oppose Bill LD 1619. Turn to Christ Jesus and live.

Sincerely Submitted by,

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