

My name is Karen Rea and I reside in Mexico. I am testifying in opposition to LD 1619 and the other 2 bills associated with it. This bill is suppose to improve the reproductive laws for women when in fact it will put women's health at a greater risk. With there being no penalty for performing abortions under any circumstance, how is this safe for women? Abortions will be taken place in unsafe and by anyone who wishes to. There is already a law in place allowing termination of pregnancy if the mother's life is at risk. In this state most professions need to be licensed. You even need a license to own a dog, but with this bill anyone will be able to perform an abortion with no repercussions. Talk about putting people at risk!

Not long ago Maine celebrated the survival of a 22wk in utero baby girl. On the other hand another 22wk old in utero baby is not worth living??? It is ludicrous that you are choosing which lives are worth keeping alive. This is a very slippery slope that will lead to people choosing whether elderly or the disabled are worth keeping alive. I pray that you are healthy and age gracefully because one day someone may decide in this room that your life is not worth being kept alive. Thank you for your time today.