

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Ken Dockendorff, and I'm a resident of Dixmont. I'm here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

Sixty-four years ago my Mother gave birth to my half sister Gail who has down-syndrome.

My Mother was told by her husband and doctors, to give my sister up as she would not live past her teenage years.

My Mother did the right thing and left a good life as the wife of a Naval Officer and kept her daughter, whom she still cares for to this day.

Even with today's technology, where you can know everything about the unborn child, my Mother would tell you she would still keep the child. Eliminating a child's life is not an option.

There are plenty of people who will love a child whom others deem unwanted.

My Mother did the right thing sixty-four years ago and it is my hope that you will do the right thing and vote against bill LD1619.

Please vote ought not to pass