Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Nathan Persinger, and I am a resident of Hampden. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

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When is enough, enough? Where do we stop? Is the next step to allow post-birth abortion? Or how about euthanasia of the mentally handicapped or elderly? Legalizing abortion up to birth is a step in that direction. Ask yourselves, when will we reach a point where the momentum of such "progress" cannot be stopped? It's happened before and it will happen again. We should be moving in the opposite direction.

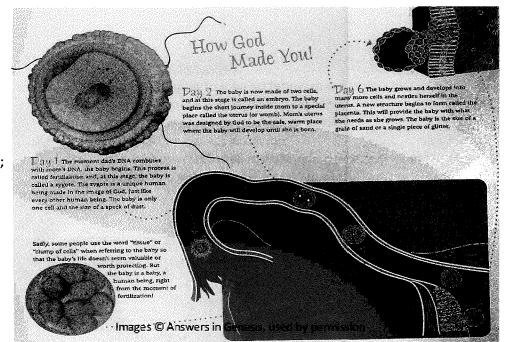
Let me also point out the hypocrisy of this bill. A common claim of pro-choice advocates is that without expanded abortion rights women will be forced into "back-alley" abortions. Why then does this bill remove the penalties levied on a provider for performing an abortion without being properly licensed? Doesn't this defeat the purpose of protecting women? What it says, is that LD 1619 is not about women's health. It's about declaring open season on the most vulnerable population group. The Guttmacher Institute, an abortion rights research and policy organization, estimated that there were 930,160 abortions in the US in 2020 alone. By contrast, there were only 21,570 murders in the US in 2020 according to FBI statistics — and that was a 30% increase from 2019. America's politics have made the womb the most dangerous place in the country. We have an inalienable duty to protect the innocent and the helpless, and we cannot claim indifference.

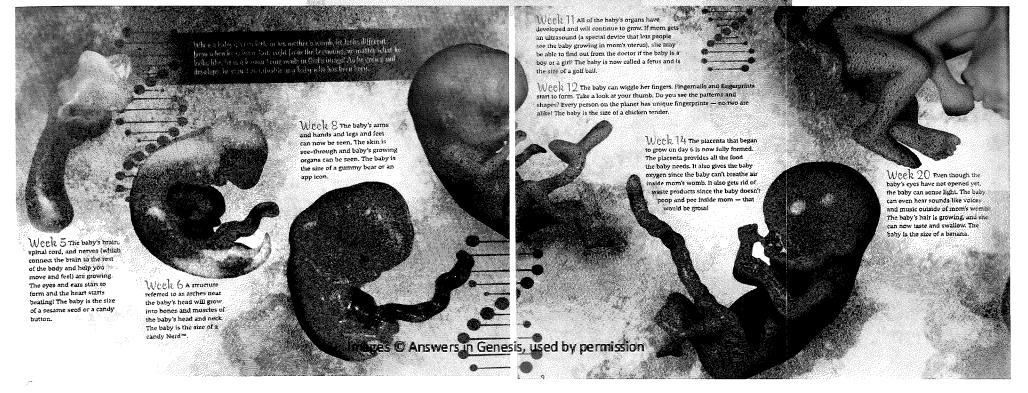
The Bible tells us in Proverbs Chapter 24, verses 11 and 12 "Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, oh hold them back. If you say, 'See, we did not know this,' does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?"

Let me point this out, choosing to not believe in God or His word does not make Him go away, just the same as choosing not to believe your doctor when he tells you that you have cancer does not make the tumor go away. If you do not stand against this heinous bill, then you have cast your vote to slaughter innocent children, and their blood is on your hands.

Please vote ought not to pass. May God grant you the wisdom and courage to do so.

¹³For You formed my inward parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.
¹⁶Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book were all written
The days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of them.
-Psalm 139:13, 14, 16 (NASB)







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