

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Colin Mack, I live in Portland, I'm here with my wife Marjorie and we are both native Portlanders. Both of us raised in separate parts of Portland; me spending time growing up on Munjoy Hill and East Deering near B & M Bake Beans and Marjorie on the west end near Mercy Hospital. As you can imagine, we have seen a lot of changes in Portland and in Maine after joining the USAF and being stationed in Alaska and returning back to be near our families, going to work for Fairchild Semiconductor and both of us were at some time a member of the Communications Squadron of the Maine Air National Guard on Western Avenue in South Portland. We settled down on Brackett Street and were communicants of St Dominic's and Sacred Heart, both of which have since closed as many other churches have. Lots of churches in Portland are closed, not just Catholic churches. The Barna Group who is leading research on the State of the Church, in 2019 did a study that stated Portland, Maine as the 2nd most unchurched city in America. In 2020, Governor Mills limited houses of worship to allow only 10 people during covid-19, further slipping the parishes into decay.

There is clearly a moral decline in this state. While Marjorie and I lived out of this state from 2000 until 2020 you have legalized marijuana, grew the beer making business, allowed more casinos to operate, reduced the houses of worship, look away from sex trafficking, allowed mentally and psychologically diminished people set up tents all around our cities, increasing the allocation of tax money for clinics to dispense legally approved opioids to marginalized individuals, legalized abortion. In essence, it's crazy out there. We took a long walk around Portland last Friday night and witnessed to it. Is this the way life should be...really?

Maine operates on a relaxed set of rules and laws.

"Earlier this month, Governor Janet Mills introduced the LD1619 bill. If passed it will expand reproductive rights and increase access to abortion for Maine women." As stated by Hope Carroll in an Op-Ed in the Maine Campus weekly highlights, which I read trying to get my head around this startling news.

She goes on to say, "Mill's new proposed abortion expansion bill is monumental in the fight for reproductive freedom."

Let's not kid ourselves, this isn't about freedom or rights, it's about money. There is nothing monumental about it except for the monumental increase in killing unborn children. Fetuses are unborn children. Senate Minority Leader Trey Stewart said, "...they're upstairs talking about how to expand abortion and kill more fetuses." He's right too. They want to kill more fetuses, draw more people to Maine to do it, make more money. I've worked in a production environment for over 40 years, I know about increasing production to increase income.

Governor Mills wants to change the Pine Tree State, the grand state of Maine, the home of the Chickadee, the place you get lobsters, the most northeast corner of the nation, into the place to get high, get drunk, gamble your money away, take your restaurant drinks

home, and get an abortion anonymously, up until birth. This bill would allow a baby, with a heartbeat, able to survive outside the womb to be killed. Maine would have the most extreme abortion laws in the country.

This bill is taking away the ability to gather information about the abortion procedures and allow physicians to do this late term. Do we need that? This will incentivise those from restrictive states like TX, MS, OK, MO, AR, TN, so on and so forth, to come up here to get a highly contested, barbaric and inhumane procedure without shame. It's clear, Governor Mills wants the abortion business here in Maine and many of us don't want it.

Let's open this up. What's the financial piece? How much revenue do you expect to generate? How much increased dollars are going to be spent on accommodations and meals? You've collected your data, you've done your studies, you've spent my tax money researching this. How much will each dead baby make? Is Maine subsidizing these out of state abortions?

It's clear to me that this immoral and reprehensible bill needs to be ended.

I'm pro-choice and anti-abortion including late term.

Thank you.