Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable members of the Joint Standing of Judiciary,

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My name is Beth Morgan and I am a resident of Augusta. I am here to testify in opposition to LD1619.

In 1993 I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl who was conceived in rape. Even though it was hard to go through that, it was a joy to feel her move and kick and hiccup and to know that she would have a chance to live and be loved. Rape is not a reason to end a life. Here is a picture of her sweet face at 38 weeks gestation, just 2 weeks before she was born.

I placed her with a loving family and this is her today. She is a beautiful woman, inside and out, who is happily married and has served as a Sargent in the U.S. Army. Her life has meaning and purpose. You are sitting here today able to serve our great State because your mom chose life. Most Mainers understand the importance of this and oppose late-term abortion. They are counting on you, as are the unborn, to be their voice. Thank you very much.

