

Testimony Opposed to LD 1619
Submitted by Kenn Quinn, Bridgton, ME

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

My name is Kenn Quinn, and I am a resident of Bridgton. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619. Thomas Jefferson proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," We are not born equal; we are created equal. This unique creation of human life needs to be valued by our laws and protected, not destroyed.

As we all know, the self-evident fact of equality that Jefferson wrote about was not automatically a reality for people in our country. We had to fight a Civil War to achieve it and defend it years later with the Civil Rights Movement to protect the value of human life. The goal of forming a more perfect Union will never be achieved in this country as long as we continue to disregard the value of ALL human life.

I cannot understand how we can pass a law to protect the eggs of our national symbol, the American Bald Eagle, the very symbol of Strength, Freedom, and Liberty, a violation of which can be a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for one year, or both, and at the same time pass a law that allows the taking of a precious human life up until the day of birth without any penalty and without needing a medical license.

Have we fallen this far in depravity, where a bird's egg is valued more than a precious boy or girl made in the image of God?

Please do not pass LD 1619.

Sincerely,

Kenn Quinn
Bridgton, Maine