

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

My name is Angela Greenwood, and I am a resident of Waterville. I am testifying in opposition to LD 1619. My core values are that life begins at the moment of conception. Our Creator God designed our bodies that males and females may bring forth New Life by combining a part of the woman with a part of the man. We know that engaging in sexual intercourse can, and may, lead to pregnancy. This new life is absolutely and awesomely unique to anyone else. To intentionally end the development of this new life is murder. In Maine, we murder an average of 14% of our new citizens every year. Abortion is the only action where it is legal to murder someone just because they are determined unwanted. This is the most unloving, intolerant, and non inclusive thing that can be done; and it is barbaric. Abortions performed after 20 weeks gestation, when not done by induction of labor (which leads to fetal death due to prematurity), are most commonly performed by dilation and evacuation (D & E) procedures.[1] These particularly gruesome surgical techniques involve crushing, dismemberment and removal of a fetal body from a woman's uterus, mere weeks before, or even after, the fetus reaches a developmental age of potential viability outside the mother.[2] In some cases, especially when the fetus is past the stage of viability, the abortion may involve administration of a lethal injection into the fetal heart *in utero* to ensure that the fetus is not pulled out alive or with the ability to survive. LD 1619 is titled "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws". How is increasing the opportunity to murder inside the womb till the moment a baby is born in any way related to reproductive privacy laws? This is an egregious bill. Please vote LD1619 ought not to pass! Thank you for your time.