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Senator Carney, Representative Mooney, Honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, My name is Gary Blair from Lisbon. I am here to testify against LD 1619.

Governor Mills stated when introducing her bill that the word 'Necessary' did not mean "casual or frivolous", but that is exactly what it means. It absolutely opens the floodgates to abortion for any reason and at any time. If an abortion provider says it is necessary, irregardless if a medical doctor objects because in his professional opinion, the health of the mother is not at risk.

It is unnecessary to end the life of a human being at the third trimester. This opinion is shared by over 30,000 OBGYN doctors from various organizations. In a position paper in support of U.S. House Bill S.311 (2019), this paper also stated that abortion is not healthcare, much less an essential part of healthcare, nor is abortion in the third trimester necessary to save the mother's life. In Dana Pierce's personal circumstance, her physician was probably aware that aborting her little boy was unnecessary in the third trimester, as well as unnecessarily exposing his patient to the health risks of performing a D&E procedure. Instead, alternative procedures could have been performed where the child would be born having the opportunity to receive treatment for his condition, with pain management so that the child, in the event that he did not survive, would die in a humane and ethical manner. The above stated is in accordance with the current State of Maine Abortion Laws. In addition, The **Maine** Death with Dignity Act, provides Maine residents with terminal diseases the option to be prescribed a dose of medication that, if taken, will hasten the end of their life. This option requires the participation of a Maine-licensed physician.

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It is never necessary to intentionally kill a fetal human-being to save a womans life: in support of the born-alive abortion survivors protection act

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