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Hello, members of the Judiciary Board. My name is Jessica Gary and I live in China, Maine. I am testifying today in opposition of LD 1619 An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws.

I am a mother of 4 children that has also experienced an ectopic (tubal) pregnancy. My baby was growing inside my fallopian tube, not my uterus. I received an internal ultrasound and heard this baby's heartbeat at 9 weeks of my pregnancy. My baby died shortly after, and had to be removed from my body in order to save my life. This heartbeat was a life, a child, a blessing from God; not just a fetus. I am against this bill as I believe all life begins at conception. Women are created to be life givers. These little ones have no voice; therefore, I am here to be a voice, to speak up for God's children.

I conclude with this prayer: "Heavenly Father, I thank you and praise you for these men and women of this board whose mothers all chose life in order to be witnesses here today. Father God, I pray that you overwhelm them with your love to see that each and every one of them is a child of God. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else; just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. I pray this blessing, 'The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.' In the name of Jesus, Amen." Please oppose this bill. Thank you.