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Good evening, members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Anna Gary, I'm 18 years old and live in China Maine. I'm testifying today in opposition to LD 1619, An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws.

This bill is too extreme and will allow for the murder of innocent human beings or persons. A number of people would say that an unborn child is not a person and that is false. I'm here to prove the fallacy of that claim.

A pro-choicer's argument would be that the size, level of development, environment and degree of dependency is what determines the personhood of a human being as these are the only factors that differ a fetus from us. Let's debunk that.

The first difference between us and an unborn child is size. Some would argue that a fetus is too small to be considered a person but if size determines personhood then is a toddler less of a person than an adult simply because they are smaller?

What about the level of a human being's development? A fetus is much less developed than I am but also I am much less developed than many of you sitting before me at this present time. A common argument states rationality, consciousness, and desire is what constructs personhood. If that was true than what about a born infant? They have not yet developed these qualities as well, does this give us the ability to murder them, too?

Ok, well another distinction between us and a fetus is the environment. We are outside the womb and a baby is within the womb. A persons location is always changing though. Why is the womb the only location that determines if we can kill someone or not?

Lastly, the degree of a person's dependency is called into question. We claim that a fetus is not worthy of life based on their level of dependency. They are dependent on their mother in order to survive. If dependency is what makes someone unworthy of life than what about infants, individuals with autism, and those with Alzheimers? These people are almost equally as dependent as the unborn. Should we be able to kill them as well?

At the end of this we come up with three infallible truths. It's wrong to intentionally kill an innocent human being. All human beings are persons. Abortion intentionally kills a human being who is a person.

In conclusion, abortion is wrong. It is the murder of an innocent child and should not be a choice for a physician to make. Murder is wrong in all circumstances and we do not this bill which will expand these murders in Maine. Thank you.