



Christian Civic League of Maine

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and members of the Maine Committee on Judiciary, I am Mike McClellan, Policy Director for the Christian Civic League of Maine. The Christian Civic League of Maine envisions a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished. We believe a Biblical approach works in life and including in governance.

I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619 An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws. As a former legislator I have often joked that no legislation ever has a "negative title." Something like "An Act to Ruin Maine." LD 1619 is a reminder of that joke as the sponsor title is sugarcoating the intent of this bill in a similar way that calling a process that ends a baby's life...abortion, does. I am aware that there are so many people here with real stories of hope, I stand to support them and to ask you to listen to them. However, be clear, the Christian Civic League of Maine looks to God and knows His hope, we do not believe in abortion as an answer.

I also am aware that as we discussed this very political process, there are real people living within the debate, let's all do not forget them. CCL Maine has presented studies and other evidence before showing how a culture of death has affected our state and our youth. While there is much to be said about this bill, I will focus on the radical nature of it. That it would equate Maine with Vietnam, North Korea and China. Ironically, people loving LIFE are called radical by many media sources to fool the public but people really watching see that this radical bill would: allow physicians to conduct an abortion at any point during a pregnancy, this bill also eliminates any serious penalties for an unlicensed person who provides an abortion illegally, and it eliminates criminal penalties for licensed providers that perform abortions after viability - a new Maine economic development opportunity as dangerous doctors negatively sanctioned in other states could travel to Maine for abortion work sanctioned by Maine government? Also, can the abortion industry be called healthcare when they have block health inspections?

Abortion on demand, with no limitations, is dangerous and unethical. With no definition of what constitutes the word necessary, no medical requirements and no ethics test, there is no way to stop an abortion for any reason, including race, sex, or disability. The word necessary is not defined in this legislation and I fear that advocates who profit from abortion will have a very liberal definition of necessary.

I could go on except for your 3-minute limit. LD 1619 is very bad for Maine, clearly is not supported by a large majority of Maine citizens but the dilemma exists that the abortion lobby paid a lot of money last fall and apparently expects a return. I am asking you to vote for right which means Life, and with the vast majority of Maine's people. Oppose LD 1619

Thank you for your time and consideration today.

Know that many are hopeful of your actions and are praying for you and your families. God bless,

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