

Testimony - LD 1619

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Elizabeth Bradley, resident of Brunswick. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

Thank you for allowing me to share.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men [people] are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are *Life, Liberty* and the pursuit of Happiness.

Please consider whether your decision moves *in* the direction of Life, or *away* from it.

If we listen to the wrong voices long enough, we can perhaps come to believe nearly anything. I offer only a few examples.

In the years prior to the Civil War, roughly half the country believed slavery to be an acceptable practice ... and those supporters found ways to “eloquently” and “humanely” justify its practice. Thankfully, slavery has now been recognized as far beyond what any rational person could accept as a *just and justified practice*.

During World War II, the leaders of a nation justified the annihilation of the physically and mentally disabled, and then the Jews. Thankfully, the free world now recognizes “ethnic cleansing” as far beyond what any rational person could accept as a *just and justified practice*.

With a court decision in 1973, we were given a legal justification of abortion, and then followed the deaths of some 60 million unborn babies. Perhaps one day we will be able to say, “Thankfully, such a routine procedure has now been recognized as far beyond what any rational person could accept as a *just and justified practice*.”

Toward the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shared (and I will quote this in the first person), “If the light I *think* I have is darkness, how deep that darkness is.” Not unlike “I once was blind but now I see.”

I’d like to suggest that we need to be very careful regarding our beliefs and what we accept as *just and justified practices*. I pray that we soon recognize that the rock on which we *think* we are standing, the rock of state sanctioned abortion, may soon be recognized for what it is ... the sand of babies’ lives slipping through our very fingers.

Please vote ‘Ought not to pass.’

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Bradley, Brunswick