Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Patricia Halpin, and I'm a resident of Newport. I'm here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

I am Pro-Life. I am a mother of two grown children; one of my children was born at seven months and the other child was born via cesarean section. I must say abortion at ANY time for ANY reason is too extreme for Maine; and if this grievous bill LD1619 passes Maine will have one of the most extreme abortion laws in the entire country.

This bill would allow a baby that could survive outside the womb to be killed. Thou shall not kill. (Exodus 20:13)

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion for the child she has borne? (Isaiah 49:15)

I plead with you: Do not pass this horrific bill.

Please vote ought not to pass. Thank you.