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LD 1619 Hearing Testimony

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Alicia Clark, and I am a resident of New Gloucester. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

If this bill passes our state will have one of the most extreme abortion laws in the U.S.

The protection of Maine residents, of all ages, especially those who have no voice to speak and cannot protect or defend themselves, that is the unborn, should instinctively and naturally be the goal for any new laws being passed here in Augusta. This bill allows for a child that could survive outside the mother's womb to be killed. Medical necessity when the life of the mother is at risk is already covered under the current law.

Alternatively, promoting and encouraging adoptions in our State through state funding is a life-giving, healthy and viable alternative to abortion. It would 1- serve and foster the health of the family unit and 2- it would strengthen the fabric of our communities. LD1619 will do neither. This Bill is not a solution when the end result is the termination of human life. The elimination of a viable human life confirms the extremity of this bill.

Please consider your vote as a clear choice of promoting life or death and vote against LD 1619. The future of Maine and it's residents is at stake here.

Thank-you,

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