

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

My name is Alecia Pineo, and I am a resident of Hampden. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

I am honored to be the mother of five children. Four of them I carried to term and had healthy deliveries. My fourth child, a little boy named Joel, died in the womb during my second trimester. I was able to hold him for a while after his delivery. He was beautiful. What struck me was how even though he was small, his tiny feet were the exact replica of my husband's, his Daddy. He was a dear baby, with all the recognizable features of a full grown human being, and yet under the current law, his life would not be valued. LD 1619 takes this to an even further extreme.

Taking the life of an innocent human being is wrong. The only things standing in the way of rights for these dear children are size, level of development, environment and dependency. I ask you to consider, how long will it be before this same criteria is applied to those outside the womb?

I am a woman that does not want the right to end the life of another, and I am asking you to vote ought not to pass.