

**LD1619**

**Title: An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws**

**Position: Oppose**

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Donald Webber, from Kennebunk, ME. I come before you today to speak in **opposition** to LD 1619

This bill would allow a baby that could survive outside the womb to be killed.

My wife and I have had 5 children, and have 9 grand children and 1 great grandchild. I am so thankful for all of them. I could not imagine terminating the life of anyone of them. They are not perfect nor am I, but I love every one of them. They are members of our family and society.

This bill would allow physicians to conduct an abortion at any point during a pregnancy, up to birth. With wording if it is "necessary in the professional judgment of a physician", I ask, what if the physician is **influenced** in some way to err on the side of abortion? Doctors are human, and no amount of education or experience gives them the right to be the arbiters of life and death.

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, further undercutting the law, that may influence people to perform abortions illegally.

This bill will significantly expand abortion in Maine and would make Maine more extreme than states like New York and California.

Late-term abortion is not "healthcare." The definition of health care is; "efforts made to maintain or restore physical, mental, or emotional well-being especially by trained and licensed professionals."

[i] Terminating a life due to sickness or disease or any reason is the **opposite of health care**.

**In summary:**

I feel this bill is bad for Maine. This bill will make Maine one of the most permissive abortion states in the country, permitting abortion right up to birth for any reason. This is heartless, radical, and **extreme**. It is beyond abortion, it is infanticide, and it is a **moral disgrace** for the state of Maine.

For these reasons, I ask the committee to vote (**NO**) on LD 1619. Thank you!

Donald Webber

[i] [https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/health care](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/health%20care)