

Emily, Bickford, Speak Up For Life testimony against LD 1619

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Emily Bickford and I am a resident of the town of Cumberland. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

Proverbs 31:8-9 says, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Who is more poor and needy, more incapable of speaking up for themselves than these unborn children, created in the image of God, who in our country has been stripped of legal protection?

I am opposed to LD 1619 because it would be legalizing an act of murder. This bill is too extreme for Maine. Abortion at ANY time, for ANY reason is too extreme for Maine. This bill would allow a baby that could survive outside the womb to be killed. It brings me to tears to think of how that baby would be killed! I can't imagine anybody would want that kind of blood on their hands!

As a single mother, of a 10-year-old from a pregnancy that was unplanned, I can testify that there are resources and support for those who find themselves pregnant, not knowing how to parent a child alone. I am also someone who has had an abortion at the age of 18, and it filled my life with deep regret, sorrow and mourning for the loss of my child.

God's word says:

"you shall not murder" Exodus 20:13

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;" Jeremiah 1:5

"Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him." Psalm 127:3

Please vote against LD 1619.