

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

My name is Cathy Fonda, and I'm a resident of Addison. I'm here to testify in opposition to LD 1619.

This bill removes the criminal penalties for performing an abortion without being licensed as a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse and for performing an abortion after viability of the fetus when it is not necessary for the preservation of the life or health of the mother.

Since the abortion industry wants to claim that abortion is healthcare, why are they removing the requirement for licensed personnel to perform the abortion? Most healthcare is carried out by licensed personnel and is directed toward returning health to the client. Abortion seems to be the only procedure that is aimed at the death of the client. Yet, why should it be considered different relative to the licensure of the person performing it, since the health of another person (the mother) is also at stake? I personally would not want an unlicensed person to perform any procedure on me or on anyone in my family, not even on a pet. This includes medication that would present the same result.

On a different note, the first human right is the right to life. The practice of abortion certainly violates that right of every person who is aborted. No matter at what stage a person is aborted, the entire populace suffers due to the loss of that person's personality, gifts, talents, interests, etc. The cultural, financial, societal, relational abilities of the whole society are diminished by withdrawing that person from the society.

Every baby is placed in a woman's womb by God and that individual has a plan for his/her life assigned by God. Who are we to deny that life?

Thank you for your time today.

Please vote ought not to pass.