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To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen and Member of Judiciary Committee
From: Cheryl Bradford, 783 Kenduskeag Levant Rd, Kenduskeag, ME 04450
Regarding: Gov Bill LD 1619 - OPPOSITION

Sen. Carney, Rep. Moone & Members of the Committee:
My name is Cheryl Bradford, a resident of Kenduskeag.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition of LD1619.
This bill matters greatly to me. I am the mother of 3 children, 2 serving in the military and the other a business owner in Maine. My husband and I have 10 grandchildren. Seven of them reside in Maine. We have been self-employed in Maine over 35 years. I love this wonderful state.

I'd like to share a story with you. When I delivered our first born son at Eastern ME Medical Center, while still on the delivery bed, only moments after his birth, the nurse put him up to my breast. He started nursing immediately, with gusto, I might add. My nurse told me, it was a scientific fact, he could already focus 8-10" which is exactly the distance from his eyes to mine. His eyes were wide open and staring at me. He was perfectly formed in the womb - now moments later, outside the womb, and this new life is actually looking at me. I truly did not know what to expect being our first child. It was love at first sight!

Our great and wonderful state has a motto - that's very famous all over the USA. Everyone reads our welcome sign "Maine the way LIFE should be." Maine the way LIFE should be. We all know that this is one of the most EXTREME abortion bills in the entire country. Please OPPOSE this bill. We don't want to change our motto to "Maine - the way DEATH should be."

Thank you for serving the residents of Maine.
We are counting on you to do what may be
hard but what is right by opposing LD 1619.

Thank you.

Cheryl Brattford