

## LD 1619 Testimony

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Beth Ellingson and I am a New Gloucester resident. I am here to testify in strong opposition to LD 1619.

As I thought about what to say to you today I asked myself the question, "How do you reason with people who justify killing innocent lives who have no means to defend themselves?" In the Preamble to the Maine Constitution, which you have sworn to uphold, it states, "We the people of Maine, in order to establish justice, insure tranquility, provide for our mutual defense, promote our common welfare, and secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of LIBERTY...". Next, in Article I under the Declaration of Rights, Natural Rights, it states, "ALL people are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness." If LD 1619 is passed, I believe it will be in violation of these rights for precious thousands of defenseless babies. I appeal to your consciences to defend them.

Carefully consider that the innocent lives of thousands of future Mainers who you have sworn to protect are in your hands. To put it bluntly, to support LD 1619 is to support a form of child sacrifice. Is this the legacy you want to leave in Maine?

Thank you,  
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