

Good afternoon Members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for listening to my point of view in opposition to LD 1619

Shenna Bellows writes in the Introduction of the 2023 Maine Drivers License Manual that in 1905 the Bureau of motor vehicles was established "out of concern for public safety" (1). The Manual is written to not only to protect ourselves but also to protect the innocent lives of passengers, other motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. That is why Bellows says we must "follow the rules of the road".

About 4000 years ago the Ten Commandments were written. Those, "rules of the road " if you will, were written with the same purpose in mind as those written by Bellows, to protect the innocent and also to help maintain an orderly and civilized society. The major religions, Jewish, Muslim and Christianity make use of the ideas and principles that are in the Ten Commandments.

One of the Ten Commandments we are all familiar with says that :

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

A Google search explained it this way "speaking falsely in any matter, lying, equivocating, and in any way devising and designing to deceive our neighbor".

The Maine Press Herald in the January 21, 2023 edition says "**despite saying during the campaign that she "had no plans to change current abortion law"** Governor Mills has now unveiled LD 1619" **that will dramatically change the abortion laws in our State"**. (2)

To put it bluntly Governor Mill was designing to deceive the voters of Maine when she said on 10/4/2022 in a televised debate that was broadcast on MPBN that she " had no plans to change current abortion law"

On October 4th, just one month before the election Governor Mills knowingly and intentionally deceived the voters of Maine. I believe she did this because she knew a majority of Mainers did not support late term abortion.

In fact a February 2023 Marist Poll conducted at Marist University clearly shows there is nearly no support for late term abortions. The poll, **found overwhelming opposition to later-term abortions. By nearly a three-to-one margin -- 71 percent to 25 percent -- respondents said abortion generally should be illegal during the third trimester of pregnancy.**

In the same poll about 66 percent of adults said abortion should be banned after 20 weeks except to save the life of the mother, while only 18 percent said abortion should be allowed any time until birth. (3)

The results of this poll clearly indicate that **Maine's current 24 week time frame for allowing abortions is not too restrictive.** In fact it shows just the opposite. With current knowledge and science, polls show that Maine's current law is in fact too lenient,

Clearly Governor Mills knew that in a close election her support for late term abortions could lead to defeat. So she, simply put, lied on Statewide TV to get elected.

Another of the Ten Commandments with which we are all familiar says:

"Thou shalt not kill"

I want to read you a portion of an editorial that was written by Bishop Deely of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland where he quotes Pope Francis. He says:

"It's a human life. The textbooks teach us that. But is it right to take it out to solve a problem? This is why the Church is so strict on this issue because accepting this is kind of like accepting daily murder".

"These particular words of Pope Francis fill my astonished mind and pained heart in the wake of the radical and extreme measure announced by Governor Janet Mills on January 17 that would expand abortion in Maine beyond 24 weeks. (4)

This proposed Bill, LD 1619, would undermine the very foundations of our society and it will have devastating and deadly results for the innocent unborn babies

But even worse here is the bottom line:

Janet Mills , whos campaign by the way received nearly \$100,00.00 from Planned Parenthood, wants you that are here today to finish the dirty work. Her lies got her elected and now she wants your vote of support for what Pope Francis called "accepting daily murder".

I implore you, don't do it, don't go there. When you have a chance to vote on LD 1619 or any of the other abortion expansion bills that are before I pray and hope that your conscience will never allow you to support proposals that are the handiwork of liars and murders.

Thank you for hearing my opinion.

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(2) <https://www.pressherald.com/2023/01/21/mills-said-she-wouldnt-look-to-alter-maine-abortion-law-what-changed/>

(3) <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2019/02/26/new-poll-big-majorities-democrats-and-young-people-reject-late-term>

(4) <https://www.pressherald.com/2023/01/18/bishop-deeley-calls-gov-mills-proposal-to-allow-abortion-late-in-pregnancy-extreme/>