

To members of the Maine Legislature's Judiciary Committee re LD 780.
My name is Catherine Mullaney and I would like to thank my parents, Bob and Loretta Carson, for allowing me to survive all nine months in the womb so that I can stand here before you to support the voiceless yet living baby in the womb. Sadly, you do not recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons and claim killing that baby is healthcare. You also claim that killing that baby is a right. I pray that your hearts and minds be enlightened to the truth.

I am baffled as to why you would want to make it part of our constitution to kill babies. This is bizarre. Isn't your job as public official to protect life? It also baffles me why you think abortion is the answer. Wouldn't it make more sense to educate women about all the life-giving options available to her and let her make the decision that is in the best interest of her child. Encouraging or suggesting that she have an abortion will fill her with regret, shame and grief the rest of her life.

Do you know Hannah Neeleman? She is 2023 Mrs. American, also a mother of 8 children. During the pageant a pregnant Mrs. Neeleman was asked what made her feel the most empowered. "I have felt this feeling seven times now as I bring these sacred souls to the earth. After I hold that newborn baby in my arms, the feeling of motherhood and bringing them to the earth is the most empowering feeling I have ever felt."

We the people. Those three words in the constitution declare that the constitution derives its power from the people themselves. Thousands of Maine citizens were here in opposition to LD1619. We're back again to oppose this radical, extreme, unthinkable proposal. Hear our voice.

This bill ought not to pass.

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