

TESTIMONY ON LD 227 March 5, 2024

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Legislative Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee,

Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Armelle Sigaud, I live in Rockland, Maine, and I am here to testify against LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State.

First, let me start with a short prayer, as this hearing is clearly part of a spiritual battle between the forces of Life and death, between Light and darkness, between Almighty God and the devil. And so we ask for help.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

I have lived in America for most of my life, but I was born and raised in France. I am proud to be French. Yesterday, however, was a somber day for France, as it became the first country in the world to enshrine into its Constitution the so-called «liberty» to destroy a small, innocent human being for whatever reason. This made headlines all over the planet. Out of more than 900 French senators and representatives who voted on this issue, only 8% voted against it. 92% gave in, gave up, decided to go with the flow. Think about this. It is now considered political suicide in France to even mention the right of a tiny child to be born and to be cherished as a precious member of our human family.

This is not a reason to rejoice, as some deeply deceived people did yesterday near the Eiffel Tower. This is a reason to mourn, to beg God's forgiveness, and to realize that without a little bit of courage, the same thing could happen here, in our beautiful State of Maine. We too could be tempted to look the other way and to give in. Who, then, would be left to speak up for the vulnerable, for the preborn babies, for the scared mothers, for the distressed fathers, for the confused children ?

In the name of «liberty», do we want all our true freedoms to be stripped away ? The freedom to do what is right, the freedom to refuse to do what is wrong ? In France, when liberty became an idol, when the law of God was mocked, do you remember what happened ? The guillotine was set up. And right in the center of Paris, the heads started rolling. This was called the Reign of Terror. It really happened, starting in 1793. It lasted more than two years. Let us learn from history. Let us turn back to God before it is too late. Please, ladies and gentlemen, reject the madness of LD 227.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Thank you.