

Madam Chair Carney, madam chair Kuhn, esteemed members of the judiciary committee,

My name is Josh Whitney, I live in Pittston Maine, I am a representative of the King's Coalition for Abolition, and I am in support of LD 975.

I am incredibly disappointed to hear that this bill was pulled from this committee. The 14th amendment to the US Constitution says that all people have the right to life, liberty, and property. 2 years ago, this very committee voted for legislation to kill our children in the womb until birth. Now, when we bring forward a bill to stop the murder of children, it is pulled from committee. The tolerant members of this committee can't even bring this bill forward for consideration. Since there is no bill to vote on, I wish to convey its intentions.

I would like to ask this committee why it wants to kill the children of this state. Every biological textbook says that human life starts at conception. The American College of Pediatricians says this. The National Library of Medicine published a study by Steven Andrew Jacobs that concludes, "Biologists from 1,058 academic institutions around the world assessed survey items on when a human's life begins and, overall, 96% (5337 out of 5577) affirmed the fertilization view." It is this committee's opinion, however, that human life is not inherently valuable and can be destroyed at others' will. This is remnant of Nazi Germany and American chattel slavery. Both of those dark times took human beings and made them less valuable because of social consensus. We have done the same with preborn humans.

What we have done in our state, to allow abortion, not only violates our own state constitution, the 14th amendment to the United States constitution, but also the God's law. This committee is hearing bills to allow killing human beings up until viability, not paying for murder with tax dollars, cannot buy murder pills online, make manufacturers dispose of murder pills, or have better information before killing their child.

In conclusion, I wish to show you the inconsistency of the ethics displayed by this committee, the democrat party, and the republican party as they equally work to keep abortion legal in this state.