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Every morning I get up and say my prayers. I give thanks to God for my country, my state, and my community even though I hardly recognize the country I grew up in. I give thanks for those of you on this committee who have the courage to do the right thing and stand in the gap for the citizens of Maine. Thank you for all you do! I pray that God will give you renewed strength and wisdom each day and that you will be encouraged knowing that many are lifting you up in prayer. (Philemon 1: 4-7)

To those of you who support this bill, I want you to know that I pray for you as well. This bill is a crime against humanity and a sin against God. That's just a fancy way of saying it is wrong. The Bible (The Word of God), tells me that when my enemy strikes me on the cheek that I should offer my other cheek as well. It tells us countless times throughout the Bible that we need to forgive those who do us wrong. Luke 6: 27-28 says, "To you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you".

Occasionally, I have an opportunity to talk to a person about LD 1619. I ask them if they know that in the state of Maine abortion is legal up to birth. The people who don't know are shocked. They weren't told. Those people weren't told about this bill either. That is a failure of our media, but it doesn't make it right that some of you support this bill.

My prayer for you is that you will recognize that you have an eternal soul. One day, this extremely short life will end, and you will face eternity with or without God. I pray that you will understand that you are a sinner - we are ALL sinners (see Romans 3:23). If you have broken a single one of the Ten Commandments, you are not "good enough" to get to Heaven (see Romans 6: 23). Your salvation can only happen if you confess your sin, ask for forgiveness, and commit your life to Christ (see Romans 10:9).

There is one other very important thing I want you to know. Even if you vote for this (and I hope you won't), and you recognize your need for Christ after the fact, God will forgive you! It is not God's will that any should perish (2 Peter 3: 9). That's how amazing God is!

That is the obvious reason that I pray for you. I have another reason to pray for those of you who are not believers, and it is a selfish one. The only way the citizens of Maine can live quiet and peaceful lives (see 1 Timothy 4:15) is if you do the "right" thing. If this bill passes, it will not give the people of Maine peace. I ask that you vote ought not to pass on LD 227.