

Testimony in support

**LD 1229: An Act To Require Certain Medical Providers To Administer Ultrasounds and Provide Information to Certain Pregnant Patients**

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Senator Carney, Representative Harnett, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Karen Vachon and I am the Executive Director of Maine Right To Life, located in Auburn. We support LD 1229: An Act To Require Certain Medical Providers To Administer Ultrasounds and Provide Information to Certain Pregnant Patients

Maine Right to Life is a state affiliate of the National Right To Life Committee. We are a non-profit organization founded to protect and uphold the dignity and worth of every human life from conception to natural death by making abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia socially, ethically, and legally unacceptable and to actively promote positive alternatives.

We are living in an information and technology age, where seeing is believing. We've heard it said: A picture is worth 1,000 words. I guess it depends upon which picture you are looking at. When it comes to you: The slightest thing wrong with your body, an abundance of technology will aid in telling what's wrong so that action can be taken to save your life. Yes – your life matters, and this technology can save your life. It's a good thing.

We are also living in a save the earth, protect the planet age, where saving endangered species are noble efforts, be it the protection of plants and animals. This is good too.

Why then, is the desire to save and protect an unborn human life from death and harm, something to be cast aside and not even carefully looked at, okay? It shouldn't be. Every life matters. This testimony IS to protect the precious, innocent, and speechless unborn human life. To give that life inside a careful look. To give that life a chance to be seen in a new light – full of potential - of life giving hope and love.

As a state, we have a choice: We can promote and advance a culture of death, or we can advance and promote a culture of life. What's good for one, must also be good for another. It's time to stop the disconnect. Maine is an old and dying state – with the highest median age, we are one of four states that has more deaths/year, than births. It's time to take a careful look. Abortion is the taking of a human life – period. LD 1229 would give women the information to make an informed life changing choice. For the love of Maine: The way LIFE should be, let's give every human being a fair chance to come alive and live in Maine. Our future depends on this! Thank you.

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