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LD 394

I oppose LD394 and urge all legislators to oppose the bill as well. I am specifically opposed to Chapter 117 of the bill. It removes and further erodes parental rights involving the education and well being of their children. It gives counselors extreme latitude in counseling a child regarding serious issues without the requirement to notify the parents and without the parents involvement. This is wrong and should not be allowed. Some of the areas of counseling can result in permanent life changing events, and parents must be involved in any such process. Many states are currently expanding parental rights regarding their children's education. Through this bill Maine would be eroding parental rights. This is totally wrong and must be opposed. If, anything, parental rights regarding their children's education should be expanded, not eroded. If this bill is passed Maine will have chosen to a path toward the elimination of the family unit. That would be wrong on so many levels and I demand better of our elected officials.