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Testimony in Opposition to LD 1735
An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Nathan Gould. I am from Winterport. I am submitting testimony in opposition to LD 1735, "An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care."

This is a despicable bill. This further fragments our Union, forces taxpayers to fund radical elements of a culture war, and causes irreparable harm to minors. It doesn't take long, when taking an honest look at sex-reassignment surgeries, to learn that they cause permanent damage. Muscles and tissue are removed and replaced in an unnatural way to create façades of organs that do not function properly. This is not empathetic, and this life-altering decision is not something that should be pushed on minors.

Sex ultimately cannot be reassigned. Objective truth shows plainly that our sex is determined in our DNA, formed by our Creator. Any attempt to circumvent this elementary axiom is a delusion, and any attempt to force that delusion on minors is a repugnant abuse and an attack on morality and dignity. The post-surgery suffering of those groomed into this lifestyle is attested to by those who detransition and tell of how they were used to further the ideological goals of the transgender movement with no regard to their own well-being. It is not compassionate to ignore Gender Identity Disorder, to play along and damage children physically and mentally. That is cowardice. At worst, it is a knowing complicity in trafficking and exploitation.

Children are not allowed to vote, they are not allowed drink alcohol, and they are not allowed obtain a learner's permit to drive until they have reached fifteen years of age. Our society clearly recognizes that there are decisions children, their brains still developing, are not yet prepared to make. Why, then, would we permit them to choose such a life-altering change, especially at that volatile period of life that is adolescence? It is the parents' job to guide and protect their children, especially with the rampant social contagion and peer pressure in schools and online manipulation that bring about these ideas of changing one's sex. It is a horrendously vile notion that our State

would circumvent parents' ability to protect their children from these fringe deviants and opportunistic misanthropic sadists under the guise of "safeguarding health care."

This insidious effort to manipulate children into self-mutilation is as abominable a cult as the Skoptsy of the Russian Empire, if not more so. No sane society would permit this flagrant assault on the rights of parents, this defiance of the natural order, and this heinous cruelty towards vulnerable children. Resist the propaganda and emotional blackmail of this bill's proponents, recognize the fundamental truths of humanity and Natural law that this bill tries to ignore, and soundly reject this bill. No civilization can withstand such an intense twisting of truth used to justify the mutilation of children if such deceptions are allowed to fester. Safeguard the People of Maine, the vulnerable citizens from other states, and the tenuous future of our now fragile Republic, lest our nation join that grim register of nations spewed from the land and reduced to dust for rejecting their Creator and being given over to vicious depravity.

I strongly and emphatically ask the Committee to vote Ought Not to Pass. Please, do not pass LD 1735.

Respectfully,

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