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Doubts about the safety of "gender-affirming care" are coming from all corners of Europe, as well as from those in the United States who have been harmed by such treatment. The fact that there has been an explosion of "gender dysphoria" among teenage girls, a population whose susceptibility to social contagion is well documented, should give all authorities pause.

This bill has the potential to strip parents of their rights and duties to protect their children from these experimental practices. If this passes, the state of Maine could well be responsible for the destruction of the health of many young people and their families. If this bill passes, history will look upon Maine as we now look upon the eugenicists of the mid-20th century.

Children and families across the United States deserve better than this.