

Judiciary Committee
Testimony on LD1735
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Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Beth Scaer and I am a mom from Nashua, NH. I came all the way to Augusta to ask you to oppose LD1735 because it is a very bad bill for Maine and New Hampshire children. It would allow a disgruntled friend or family member or a trafficker to bring a child to Maine, pressure the child to say he or she wants puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, or surgery to remove healthy body parts, and the state of Maine would shield them from any kind of recourse by the parents.

This is opening up new opportunities for sex trafficking in Maine, especially for those who have sick sexual fetishes involving children. If you vote for this bill, that is what you are voting for.

And you would be voting for parents who can't sleep at night not knowing what is happening to their kids and parents who will have to pick up the pieces when their child comes back to them with a broken body.

More and more people who medically transitioned as children are going public and saying they didn't understand what they were doing when they transitioned and that adults had undue influence on their decisions. It is normal and natural for kids to want to please adults. They don't have the life experience or the maturity to evaluate the risks of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and removing healthy body parts.

A young California woman, Chloe Cole, [testified about her experience](#) transitioning as a minor. She began to transition to a male at 13; she had a double mastectomy at 15; and she detransitioned at 17.

From her testimony:

Despite all these consultations and classes, I don't feel like I understood all the ramifications that came with any of the medical decisions I was making. I didn't realize how traumatic the recovery [from my double mastectomy] would be.

The worst part about my transition would be the long-term health effects that I didn't knowingly consent to at the time.

Let kids be kids and let them stay with their families and keep the bar high on what would justify removing them from their homes. Vote to oppose LD1735.