

LD 1735 An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care

Memorandum of Opposition

Date: May 12, 2023

To: Honorable Members of the Committee On Judiciary.

From: Jonathan Martell

RE: LD 1735 An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care

Members of the committee, I would like to express my Opposition of LD 1735 An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care

My Name is Jonathan Martell. I am a Sanford City Councilor, and lifelong resident of Maine.

I'm almost at a loss for words with what I'm reading in this bill. Is the intent really to allow for kidnapping of children from another state for gender transition medical procedures that include everything up to surgery to remove breasts or other reproductive organs? This amounts to legalized kidnapping and mutilation of children. Personally, I don't know how any member of this committee can sleep at night even contemplating something this heinous.

Section 4 talks about sharing investigation information with out of state entities with patient consent. We're talking about children under 18. They are unable to give consent in most cases.

Section 6 is making the claim that the child is the same as abandoned in this state if they were able to be mutilated in their state. This is not the same as someone leaving a child at a rest stop. This is allowing kidnapping by anyone for any reason if they decide to bring a child here for child mutilation purposes.

It also appears that the child can be forced to stay here as long as the kidnapper pleases. The court will not even recognize the out of state court.

The same people that are so worried about children when it comes to firearms laws, can't kill them fast enough in the womb, or mutilate the ones that survive.

Please recognize this for what it is, and vote ought not to pass.

Sincerely,

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