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To the Judiciary Committee, my name is Nancy Norton. I am speaking in opposition to LD 1735.

Our State does not need to be a sanctuary or a supporter of taking away a parents rights. I am not transphobic. I support each individuals right to express themselves when they are a ADULT. Being an adult according to Maine laws starts at 18 for military service, voting, getting a tattoo and other freedoms. According to our law you can not drink until 21 years. Why then do we give a child the freedom to permanently change their bodies before they are considered an adult by other standards? Why do we think a child knows better than their parents what is best for them? This makes no sense. This bill will wrongly represent many Maine citizens beliefs of what it is to be a parent and family. This is a wrong direction for our state. This is a waste of our time and tax payers dollars. This bill will represent a very small percentage of Maine citizens. Thank you