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I read this bill over and over and thought about the perhaps unintended consequences of taking such action. It would mark Maine as a sanctuary state for those individuals who are prohibited by law to seek affirmation in their home states. It pits child against parents who oppose this method of treatment. It pits parent against parent and state against state. I forsee a court system overwhelmed already, becoming even more overwhelmed. The cost to Maine citizens is not only an expense that we need not take on but at a time when we have difficulty meeting the needs of residents and others due to rising costs in every aspect of life. What does this law do? It makes it clear that if you just get to Maine, Maine will not recognize the fundamental rights of parents to engage in opposition to gender affirmation care they deem a danger to the wellbeing of their child. If a child is abandoned, the state acts as the parent in a child's right to choose. I am opposed to this bill as it usurp the basic human rights of parents, sets Maine as a sanctuary state and with it, the burdens of tax funded care and litigation and sets president for further erosion of the family at it core.