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I implore you to reconsider this legislation that will essentially create a sanctuary state in Maine for children identifying as trans and their families. While I sympathize with these children, I cannot see how we can encourage them to experiment with life-altering and irreversible pharmaceutical treatments and surgeries WITH or WITHOUT their parents' knowledge. Research has shown that many of these children have other diagnoses that can be better resolved with counseling, not drastic hormone treatments that affect their health forever, or disfiguring surgeries that cannot be corrected.

There is no consensus on the efficacy of this type of treatment for one thing. But just as important, it is not the business of the government to determine the treatment of these children. Please consider that you may be succumbing to confirmation bias, and look into the data and research that cautions against both the irreversible treatments and the harms that come from the state's gross intervention into private lives. The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

End this travesty.

Thank you,  
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