

## Maine Bill LD 780 Testimony

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The fact that knowing abortion is such a difficult, contentious and divisive issue that is already fully protected in Maine, yet choosing to take it even further in our state makes me wonder what type of people we have representing us. The same people are pushing for legislation that would allow transgender mutilation without parental notification including for out-of-state children! And yes, as a RN I said “mutilation” because that is exactly what it is. I could expound on this but the current focus is LD 780. The bottom line is both agendas are anti-life and anti-family and no legislator should be considering either without doing their due diligence - proper research of credible sources which do not include Planned Parenthood sponsored research despite their many dollars donated to some of your campaigns.

Our Constitutions – state and national – were designed to protect life and rights overall – that includes pre-born human beings which you and I were at one time. Yet supporters of this bill either deny the humanity of a pre-born child or endorse the taking of an innocent, defenseless life. Which is it? The only time this can be challenged is when the mother’s life is at risk or when a pre-born child is deemed “nonviable” by a qualified medical professional. Both are rare despite what abortion advocates would have you believe.

Meanwhile the mother’s right is already protected under Maine law. So what is the true motivation behind the effort to pass LD 780? Is it a means to obtain Maine taxpayer dollars to fund abortions? An “acceptable” way to undermine families and religious values? A liberal “grab of power”? A method to garner more personal attention/endorsements from the general media in an election year? As a Maine citizen and a healthcare professional, I am at a loss but I do know Maine is better than this - or used to be.

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