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LD 227

I am offering this testimony as an advisory against adopting LD227.

As you consider LD227, I have personal experience with transgenderism that I would like to relate to the committee. Before relating this experience I'd like to say that I am 63 years old and experienced low testosterone. As a result, my doctor prescribed injections of testosterone which I've been on for a few years. If you know others in my circumstance then perhaps they can confirm the significant impact of these injections. Testosterone impacts more than muscle mass. It impacts one's thinking and mood. It significantly increases libido, but also moods, including aggression. I'm often amazed at its impact on me. As a 200 pound man, one little shot does quite a bit. I can't imagine how it messes with the mind of a young woman injecting this drug.

My story. I'll change a name to protect in anonymity. I employ day labor during the spring and fall. In the spring of 2022 a young person, will call Sam presented himself for work. I needed help that morning so I was pleased to meet this young "man". Standing in front of me was a young man, about 5'5" with an oversized shirt a knit cap and a fledgling beard, mostly about the chin. Sam has an engaging smile and blue eyes.

As an employer I tend to set a person up for the job and leave them alone to get the work done. And so it was with Sam. The job that morning was washing floors. After few hours in I went to check on Sam's progress. As I entered the room, I could see him on his hands and knees from behind. Sam was washing the floor and as I approached something seemed out of place. Sam's shape did not seem "male", at least to my experience. It was not obvious to me, but it got me thinking. So, after another thirty minutes I went back to Sam, this time curious to look more closely. When Sam stood up, I looked more closely into his eyes, observing his face, and came to the conclusion that Sam was not a boy. As the day turned into weeks, I engaged Sam gaining his trust to learn that Sam was indeed a female, Samantha.

Over time Samantha opened up on her struggles, decisions and current path. Over time I met a few people in her life who added to the story. When I met Sam he was having a hard time holding a job. Drugs, both medication/illegal along with cannabis and alcohol were wreaking havoc on his life. Between chaotic interpersonal relationships and a disastrous family situation his life was a wreck.

It turns out that Samantha is a bisexual, but "dykey" mostly Lesbian young woman. She preferred short hair, male dress, and was in love with a young woman. But she was also bisexual and so she tended to "hook up" with random men for anonymous sex. She'd been raped a number of times, mostly when passed out during drug fueled parties, her family had abandoned her as "Sam" and by the time I met "him" he was aggressive and angry.

As disturbing as I found the circumstances, what really angered me was learning that Planned Parenthood in Biddeford was the place where Samantha learned that becoming Sam would solve her problems. It was Planned Parenthood who put Samantha on testosterone and was counseling her to have her breasts removed. I was blown away. Instead of counseling her to accept herself the way she is and find someone who loves her, they put her on massive amounts of a drug (with little regard for her ongoing substance abuse) that I know has a profound impact on a person. I know this because it has a profound impact on me.

Since I met Sam, I've continued to witness more and more destructive behaviors. Imagine the confusion of a young woman on these drugs, a transgender male, naked he still has a vagina, sleeping with men because he believes he's a bisexual male. Sam is having heterosexual sexual intercourse with men. If this sounds confusing to read, imagine living through this sort of sexual encounter through the fog of testosterone and other mood altering meds, weed and booze.

This is the world LD227 will codify. Now, you all may think this is a unique story. It's not. Since meeting Sam, I've met two other young transgender males (woman transitioning). Their stories are similar. You may believe that somehow Planned Parenthood, Doctors or Clinics will or can do better. You are kidding yourself, they are enabling and allowing this sort of destruction behavior today, it will only get worse.

As you consider LD227 know that it's a warning to you. Sam's life is unlikely to get better. As he/she ages the impacts of hormones will change, the drugs and lifestyle will either kill him, or eventually he'll be left to the ravages of surgery and the debris of a chaotic personal life exasperated by professionals experimenting with new ideas on biology. In the end, this is the path LD 227 proposes. I sure hope you all turn your back on this proposal.

Sincerely  
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