

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to LD 227, and I ask that you do not move this bill ahead.

We are witnessing draconian attacks on parental rights to the point that parents being involved in their children's education and life-changing decisions have been labeled "domestic terrorists" in some cases. This has gone too far too fast, and this bill is not in the best interest of our state.

LD 227 is too extreme and could ruin more families than it was designed to help. Can your conscious handle an AMBER alert blaring on your phone, knowing there's fear and panic of the worst kind rippling through a family, then wondering if the child is in a hospital near you being sterilized?

I am vehemently opposed to this bill based on merit, but a more appropriate sanctuary for these medical procedures would be Cumberland County (the designated sanctuary for illegal immigrants), and not the entire state. Better yet, put this on the ballot with an appropriate title and let Mainers decide.

1. An Act to Legalize Child Trafficking for the Purpose of Gender-affirming Care and Abortion
2. An Act to Indemnify Human Traffickers for Assistance with Gender-affirming Care and Abortion
3. An Act to Abolish Parental Participation in Cases of Child Gender Dysphoria and Pregnancy

Sincerely,

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