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LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Legislative Health Care, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I am Joanne Grieco, I live in Kittery, Maine and I am here to testify strongly against LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State.

I strongly oppose the concept that so called "gender-affirming" health care services and associated "reproductive health care services" should be considered legal rights. I do not want our state to be a destination state for late term abortions, or gender confusion accomodation. While both circumstances call for compassion, this does not mean we should endorse and/or codify policies that not only accommodate but legislate as legal rights, a change in birth gender, or late term abortions.

LD 227 prohibits Maine courts from enforcing a judgment from another state related to gender identity/abortion services. So, if Georgia issued a judgment against an aunt for trafficking a child to Maine to obtain an abortion or gender transition surgery, Maine courts would refuse to enforce that. In my opinion, this is wrong, and a perfect example of a woke ideology that purports to know better, and overwrites the rights of those who do not agree.

We need to WAKE UP and realize these practices and ideologies for what they are - the wrong way to handle difficult problems.

Thank you.