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LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Legislative Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I am Jolene Martin, I live in Bradley, Maine, and I am here to testify strongly against LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State. Our brains do not fully mature until we reach the age of 25 years old. I can't count the number of times my children have made wrong choices and thanked me for looking out for them and teaching them how to learn from their mistakes; As their Mom, I am older and wiser and can help them navigate life, and I was given the authority to do so. This bill would take away the authority and wisdom that is given to parents for the protection of their children. I have seen many stories of people who have committed suicide after gender affirmation surgery, people who pay to try to "undo" their mistake, and the loss of identity people face because their guardians in their lives were not looking out for them. We have a job to protect these kids and when you are not upholding your oaths to protect and serve in the best interest of the community, you not only go against the people you serve, but God as well. Please consider if this is something you will really be ok with when you look at God face to face. Repent and do the right thing, for the sake of you and the children.
sincerely, Jolene Martin