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LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Legislative Health Care, Insurance and Financial Services Committee,

My name is Thomas Hinchliffe, I live in Levant, Maine and am writing today to ask that you vote against LD 227. The decision to change one's gender should not be considered a "legal right", protected and paid for by the state of Maine. The removal of parental rights regarding medical decisions such as these is criminal. The choice to mutilate one's body and take life altering hormonal medications is irreversible and final. For the state to pass legislation that would ultimately ensure this to be a protected practice is unethical. Also, setting up a situation where parents across America could have their rights removed if their children were to come to Maine for medical care is wrong. There is also zero protection for child trafficking or kidnapping cases. A bill that claims to be in the best interest of and protection of children only sets them up for irreparable harm. I urge you to protect the children of Maine and America. Please vote ought not to pass on LD227.

Respectfully,
Thomas Hinchliffe