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LD 227

To: The Committee of Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
Subject: HP148/LD227 An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

Good afternoon, Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and the Committee of Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. My name is Craig Caffrey of Bowdoinham and I'm writing this testimony in strong OPPOSITION of LD 227 "An Act Regarding Health Care in the State."

As a father, husband, proud American, and a Veteran with over two decades of service, I am horrified and disgusted to see a bill that would turn Maine into a sanctuary state for human traffickers, child traffickers and sex traffickers be brought forward, let alone considered. When have we as a country decided it's okay to manipulate, exploit, mutilate, and sterilize children? When have we as a country decided parents or guardians no longer have any say or right to their children's upbringing, education, and general welfare? When have we as a country decided it's okay to take a child who still believes in Santa Claus, Easter Bunny, Tooth fairy, and other childhood imaginations, and corrupt them into thinking they are the wrong sex or body?

When have we as a country decided to tell kids, puberty is horrifying, and you need to take prescribed puberty blockers to prevent a natural transition into adulthood? Yet, puberty is being described as shameful, and vilified. You cannot reverse time and start over. These blockers have lasting harmful effects. Furthermore, this is not an attack or bashing of the Gay community because they are the first ones to get manipulated, exploited, and mutilated by those supporting such bills as this. There is no such thing as "gender affirming care." It is gender mutilation that has irreversible physical, mental, and spiritual harm to a child. The fact is, kids who receive these barbaric surgeries are nothing more than "cash cows" of one million to 1.3 million profits to big pharma, the mutilation clinics, and social workers. This bill also violates the following statutes, but no limited to:

Maine Title 5: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND SERVICES, Part 12: HUMAN RIGHTS, Chapter 337- C: CIVIL REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING <https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/5/title5sec4701.html> Maine Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE, Part 2: SUBSTANTIVE OFFENSES, Chapter 35: SEX TRAFFICKING, PROSTITUTION AND PUBLIC INDECENCY

<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/17-A/title17-Asec852.html> Federal Law 22 USC § 7102; 8 CFR § 214.11(a): Sex trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform. such an act has not attained 18 years of age. Furthermore, those who support the terminating life don't value life or those most innocent.

Lastly, what gives this body the right to keep the body of this bill secret from the public until a few days prior to the scheduled work session? Did you forget your oath of office, or did you say it, and not take it to heart?

I urge this committee to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD227 An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

Thank you for your time,
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