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LD 227

I teach at SMCC and am a young mother of 2 young children. My husband is a 10th generation Mainer. Please, please vote ought not to pass on LD 227. The amendment clearly turns parents into criminals when they try to "interfere" with another adult taking their child to Maine for what is labeled as "health care", but which can include life- altering and sometimes life threatening surgeries. Look at the many testimonies of young de- transitioners to see the truth in this. I will personally move my young family OUT of Maine if this bill is passed. Interference by the state of Maine in legally sanctioning the butchering of babies through abortion and children's bodies is what ought to be prosecuted. You've got the wrong criminals in mind. You remind me of Nazis- you've got the good guys wrong here. I won't live in a State that alienates parents from their children legally, physically , and emotionally. Good luck passing this bill and keeping Maine the Maine that we all love. You will welcome butchers and criminals into this state, and the victims will be our children, and our families, as well as those in the other 49 states. Not to mention the tax burden this will put on already struggling Mainers. Do the right thing. Think about this please!