

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Legislative Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I am Olivia Ground, I live in Auburn, Maine and I am writing this testify strongly against LD 277. A person's brain does not fully form until they are in their mid-twenties. This is what we are taught in health class and was given to us as a reason not to drink underage. If we are not allowed to drink until twenty-one, why is this bill even in existence. Childrens minds change all the time. We should not be allowing harmful and irreversible procedures and therapies in the name of gender affirming care to minors. We need adults to care for and protect them, not transport them across state lines to make life-altering decisions. If you support this bill, you are supporting human trafficking. What would you do if it was your child being trafficked? And if you support human trafficking and child abuse then you have no business being in office.