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LD 227

Good morning legislatures,

Did you know Steve Jobs was adopted? Or country singer Faith Hill? Madonna? Nelson Mandela? None of these people would have changed the world with their remarkable influence had their biological parents opted to undergo the life changing surgery that LD227 sponsors. The iPhone in your hands would never have been created, South Africa would still be segregated, the 80's wouldn't have been as vibrant, and most importantly, Cindy Lou Who wouldn't have "Where are you Christmas" to sing in The Grinch (love that movie!).

LD227 isn't fair for Mainers. We're a very old state and heavily taxed already. This is super expensive and what's the gain? Children seeking medical refuge, ok... but once operated on where do they go? Foster Care? Do foster homes have financial and emotional resources or training to handle these special cases? Absolutely not. We could mandate to be a foster parent one must become trained in gender-change counseling! Eh, the more red tape we wrap foster care with, the fewer foster families we'll have.

When you were 15 did you want to have children? Probably not haha, but what about at 30? Let's give kids the chance to become adults before we choose for them whether or not they'll ever have children. Who knows, those future children they may have, could change the world.

My wife and I strongly oppose LD227. Thank you for your time and service to the best state in the country:)

Very Respectfully,
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