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Good afternoon Senator Carney, Rep Moonen and distinguished members of the judiciary committee

My name is Heather Sprague from Cushing and I'm here to oppose LD1735 an act to protect gender affirming care because it is nothing but a transgender trafficking bill that would permit the state of Maine to receive minors from other states seeking transgender treatment such as breast binding penis tucking irreversible puberty blockers cross sex hormones or mutilation surgeries

The bill allows the state to take these minors from their parents and make them wards of the state with the state funded programs covering the costs of their treatments

I ask you to look inside your hearts, how do you really feel about this? Maine's kids are already having a terrible time I beg you to reconsider and ought not pass

Thank you for your time