

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and Members of the Maine committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

I am Jenn from Raymond Maine. I am here to testify against LD 227 and act regarding healthcare in this state which was represented by Perry.

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I am writing as a deeply concerned Maine citizen. As I sit here processing this 21 page bill 227 I am broken. I work with teenagers and young adults who already struggle mentally and this bill if put into action will send them into a tailspin, questioning if adults are really for them!!!! Some as "mature" adults are viewed as not trustworthy I have heard comments such as

1. A 20yr old quoting "I don't trust them they don't take the time or space to hear what I am saying.
2. Our suicide rate here in Maine is over the top as our state has become a permissible state for everything and anything. Leaving no boundaries for a healthy maturing process for children. For that I apologize for being silent next generation and not fighting for you. I will not be silent.
3. Children's brains who have not fully developed need boundaries for the physical and mental well-being. It's been proven that those toddlers who have gates around them to keep them safe have less anxiety and learn how to navigate the perimeters established for them and thrive in creativity and personalities are formed in a safe environment because they feel safe.

This bill would be sending a strong message to them that we as adults do not care and anything goes! We will sit back and watch you support the destruction you want to do to the beautiful, handsome bodies God has given you. So many people have had this stuff done then are tormented in their thoughts and end up having severe mental consequences for it.

Again, I would urge you to remove this ASAP as again you are stepping into an area that our Creator takes very seriously. There are always ramifications for our forsaking our responsibilities to raising up a generation that can walk securely in His love and identity.

I am disturbed that this has been introduced under the cover of darkness and is manipulative.