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Subject: Testimony Against LD 227

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Testimony of Paul Michaud

Against LD 227 -

An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

Representative Perry and Senator Bailey, and members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, my name is Paul Michaud and I oppose LD 227. This act opens the door for children to engage in life altering medical procedures without the consent of their parents. Developing children need the guidance of their parents to ensure the decisions they're making are in their best interest. It is the right of the parent to control which medical procedures our children undergo and this act takes away this fundamental right during the critical developing years where our children experience times of confusion. Confused children need the guidance of their parents as they are vulnerable to influences outside of the family that don't know the child as well as their parents. We should be protecting our children by protecting parents rights and this act does the opposite.

I urge you to not support LD 227 but instead to continue to support parental rights and our ability to guide and raise our children until they become adults.

Regards,

Paul Michaud

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