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Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Legislative Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee, I am Karen Mallory. I live in Glenburn, Maine. I am a wife, mom, and an educator with a Master's Degree in Education. I am here to testify strongly against LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State. Even more, I am here to testify in favor of truth, because the truth as established by our Creator deserves to be heard in any and every opportunity given.

Despite the lies to the contrary which are prevalent in our current culture, it is the truth that every human being was created in the image of their Creator. As such, every person has immeasurable value. Each individual was knit together in their mother's womb by the One who knew them before they came to be. Rather than lose their life through abortion, every person deserves the right to live the life for which they were intended. The fact that one is so young as to still be in the womb, does not strip them of their rights as a human being. Rather, being some of our most vulnerable members of society, they deserve the most care and the very best from us. This horrific bill only serves to increase the unprecedented attack by the state of Maine on these precious little ones.

In the same way, despite the misinformation in our society, the truth is that there are only two genders. Men and women, boys and girls, struggling with their sexual identity are not "trapped in the wrong body." They are simply human beings with insecurities, uncertainties, and questions just like each and every one of us. As opposed to being pressured to make a rash decision involving irreversible, bodily harm, those struggling in this area should be told the eternal truths that every human being deserves to understand. They should hear that they have an identity that goes far beyond their sexuality, because sexuality alone has never defined anyone, nor should it. They should know that they are loved. They have a hope and a future. They have a purpose. They, like each of us, have a Creator who made a way for us to be rescued from anything that ensnares us. We can have forgiveness, redemption, and an eternal inheritance.

These truths will always stand, even in the face of ever-changing "facts", statistics, and agendas. They are irrespective of any temporal decision made by this committee or the legislature of Maine. You have the authority and power in your hands to do what is right according to the truth, and for the protection of the children and the people of Maine, by voting "ought not to pass" regarding this bill. Again, I would strongly urge you to vote in that manner. Thank you.