

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the HCIFS committee, my name is Temple Knowles, and I am here to testify against LD 227.

Honestly, I do not want to present a condescending spirit but candidly I'm appalled at the craziness LD 227 presents. Where to start: abortion, transgenderism, trumping other states rights, What an absolute mess.

It would seem helpful to articulate some very basic truths.

1. A baby in the womb is alive, is a person, is an individual who possesses the inalienable right to live. The plain truth is the baby should live and to extinguish this baby's life prematurely via abortion is synonymous with murder this is a moral choice it's not clinical question it's moral.
2. Every individual is born with and permanently embedded by chromosomal nomenclature either XX female or XY male. The subsequent biological genitalia follows this structure and the visibly gender specific characteristics are recognizable from individual to individual. The plain truth is anyone presuming he or she is able to transform from an XY male quality/status to an XX female quality or vice versa is delusional.

I am dumbstruck that we are actually having this kind of a conversation in a room full of educated well informed mature adults. This is bewildering to me.

Lastly, there is a deep seated concern evidencing itself a midst this process. Which is the deliberate maneuvering of public hearing schedules etc all aimed at an attempt to discourage and minimize public involvement to accomplish woke political objectives, which clearly fly in the face of Maine's public consent. It reminds me so much of last year's LD 1619 ordeal. Look whether it's firearm prohibitions, EV mandates or increased tax burdens you guys just don't seem to care about what we think or how we the people of Maine are going to have to live with this nonsense.

What has become blatantly obvious is that the representative legislature doesn't care doesn't want to hear or isn't interested in carrying out the desires and will of the people of Maine.

This whole ordeal smacks of back door smoke filled room politics it just shameful. Keep in mind the election cycle is coming around and we can only hope that the rising tide throughout the country will favorably impact our wonderful state of Maine. Do the right thing vote against LD 227. Let's right this ship and do the best for our kids and our state.

Respectfully submitted, Temple Knowles.