

Legislators:

Items in this bill made me go “WHOA!”

“Legally protected healthcare activity” smacks of discrimination. It gives the appearance that those seeking “gender-affirming health care services” and “reproductive health care services” are receiving special protection or rights, when they are already entitled to receive these services. Abortion may be referred to or viewed as a “reproductive right,” but it’s an oxymoron. If you are doing away with an innocent life in the womb, how is it reproductive? That life will never see daylight if the child is aborted.

It’s laughable that abortion is classified as “health care.” Abortion cannot be called health care, when a human life conceived – which is how every single one of us *and you* came to be – is eliminated. After birth, it’s considered murder, so why isn’t it during the up-to nine month gestation period a child spends in his mother’s womb? That child’s existence is impossible without that time, and life begins at conception...not after birth. It’s basic science. None of us would exist if it weren’t for the months we spent in our mothers’ wombs!

“Interference with legally protected health care activity...” is discriminatory. Is this same protection provided to all other forms of health care? It is also government overreach and dictates the will of parents’ legal rights on how to raise and care for their child. A child doesn’t have the wisdom, sense, maturity, experience or knowledge with which to make appropriate decisions on their health care, regardless of what that is. A minor is likely to follow what’s “in” or what their friends are doing. They’re not going to think of what is appropriate for their age, body, health and future.

Item 3 of the findings and declaration of policy is in direct contradiction to Constitutional law and the Bill of Rights. Since when does a U.S. citizen or resident’s bringing a civil action against or otherwise interferes become a criminal act? People are entitled to due process of law...FEDERAL law, which supersedes state law. If this were to make its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, it would be overturned.

The term “hostile litigation” is a threat to what legislators determine believe should be public policy. It is just abominable, and what you’re doing is merely shutting down anyone’s disagreement with your laws. It is arrogant, vile, immoral, evil, and wicked. It goes much too far over the line. It challenges and defies medical and

ethical standards. It is government overreach and government interference in the lives of citizens. Our government is of the people, by the people, for the people – not just a select few who decide or think they know what's best.

The preamble of the U.S. Constitution says, "...in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity..." This bill establishes justice as certain people see fit, but not in promotion of the general welfare. It cannot secure the blessings of liberty...to our posterity if our posterity is killed off through abortion.

As one Christmas song goes, "He sees you when you're sleeping..." That's true of God, and we will be held accountable someday for everything we did, every decision we made, every vote we took, every word we uttered during our lives here on earth. We, your constituents, must hold you accountable and answerable in the meantime, and many of us vehemently disagree with passage of this bill. I can't help asking who died and made the Maine Legislature God?

Regardless whether you believe it or not, we, as well as the entire universe, were created by Almighty God! When you make something, do you expect your creation to revolt against you and make major changes to itself or kill any subsequent items you make?

When, for example, a drunk driver hits a vehicle occupied by a pregnant woman who, as well as the child or children she is carrying, are killed, the driver would be charged with a crime for each loss of life, meaning the mother, the baby she is carrying, and if she is carrying twins or triplets, that driver would be charged for two to four deaths! If it were a civil suit, the damages would increase with each life lost. If the law supports justice for the dead, how can it also support abortion? It doesn't make sense.

These unborn lives are children, the future, and eventual voters!

Maine did away with the death penalty a long time ago. Prisoners, lifelong criminals including murderers, kidnapers, human traffickers, drug dealers, and more, declared guilty by juries of their peers, are kept alive, yet innocent children get the death penalty simply for having been conceived? It's depraved indifference to life! Those criminals aren't given sanctuary; why are we giving it to people who are taking away a life? Frankly, it's discrimination, and if I were in prison, I'd be

making that claim. I'd be asking for "sanctuary." This could become a slippery slope.

This bill is ludicrous! Since when does a parent not have the right to make decisions about their children? A child doesn't get to determine what's best for him or her until he/she is 18. The young are easily influenced and swayed by other factors – peer pressure, fads, the media. The adult parent has far more wisdom, discernment, common sense, experience, than a child does and holds authority over that child. If they are paying the child's expenses, feeding the child, clothing the child, educating the child, they also have the right to determine what is best for that child. The legislature does not get to dictate how a normal, loving parent raises their child, and if they intervene in their child's choice of transgender treatment, that is their right. It should not be abridged. The child is a minor, not an adult. It is government overreach, interference, and overstepping normal and societal bounds.

Why are we also violating existing federal laws against or opening the door to "legitimized" kidnaping and human trafficking? Where is the logic? The choice to change genders shouldn't be a protected right from prosecution for laws that have long been on the books. Transgenderism defies God's creation and science. It is impossible to change the chromosomes and genes with which we are born. Changing the distinctive parts, pronouns or declared "identity" does not determine whether one is male or female. Birth determines that, and it's not gender "assignment." God *made* us male or female and chose that distinction before time even began. He didn't "assign" gender.

Maine has long been known as "the way life should be." If it is, why are our legislators supporting sanctuary for those wishing to take a life they do not want or inconveniences them and for those who make the choice to change their parts and identity as well as for someone who may use that as an excuse for violating laws against kidnaping and human trafficking?

I beg you not to pass this bill. It is illogical, and I dare say, unConstitutional as well as immoral.

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