

Message to Maine State Legislature

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Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Legislative Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, my name is Steve Karp and I live in Waldoboro, Maine. I am here to testify strongly against LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State.

In the beginning God created man in His own image, male and female He created them (Genesis 1:27). We know these two truths not only from God's Word, but also from science, as well. The American College of Pediatricians says, "The predominance of human biological research confirms that human life begins at conception—fertilization. At fertilization, the human being emerges as a whole, genetically distinct, individuated zygotic living human organism, a member of the species *Homo sapiens*, needing only the proper environment in order to grow and develop. The difference between the individual in its adult stage and in its zygotic stage is one of form, not nature." And according to Langman's "Medical Embryology", 14th Edition (2019), "the genetic sex of an embryo is determined at the time of fertilization".

So, not only is LD 227 ungodly, it's also un-scientific.

Here are the consequences of either going with or going against God and the science of His creation. His Word says: "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19)

As our lawmakers, what will you choose today for our great State and the next generation of Mainers?

My comments are respectfully submitted. Thank you for your time.