

Testimony in Opposition to LD 227, March 5, 2024

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Legislative, Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee. I am Reynold Dubois, but please call me Rey, from Bangor, testifying against LD 227.

I would like to address you all with respect and consideration for your opinions on what is good and necessary legislation for the citizens of Maine. Senator Donna Bailey, from York, and Representative Anne Perry, from Calais, our opinions on what is good and necessary for Maine people differs dramatically. We are on opposite extremes of the spectrum for what I consider to be good and necessary. I cannot find anything in LD 227 that will improve anyone's lives or that isn't already provided in some other legislation. I cannot see any part of killing innocent babies, mutilating the genitals of minors, surgical and chemical sex changes on gender confused minors, and in vitro fertilization in which genetically unique human embryos are destroyed, as being in any way good or necessary. Compound these insults with mandatory insurance coverage, and criminal prosecution of any parent or guardian who tries to stop this abomination. Expand this nightmare to 50 states, and you will end up with more trouble than Maine has ever seen.

We have all seen how mental health has deteriorated, suicides have skyrocketed, and physical violence has increased in America and our own state over the last 3 years. Situations have been legislated in different parts of our country that pit groups against each other, inflamed by the media.

Let me pose this scenario. Consider all the parents who are trying dutifully to raise their children to be good and respectful people in a world that tells them they are racist because of their majority skin color, that tells them they should simply kill their preborn child if they get pregnant, and that they can chemically or surgically change their appearance to look like the opposite sex...AND THEN LD 227 tells them they have a legal RIGHT to do all these things that their parents don't want them to do AND that their parents will be prosecuted if they try to exercise their PARENTAL RIGHT to raise their children as they see fit.

I fear that LD227 will dramatically add to the parents' stress levels, and subsequent mental health levels, and it will cause already challenged parents to go over the edge. Maine's population is 1.4 million. Your plan to expand this to the US population of 322 million will increase the likelihood of parental retribution by 237 times. Just think of all the craziness and violence LD 227 could cause.

Senator Bailey and Representative Perry, wouldn't you feel responsible for all the violence inflicted on our country's children, families, and parents? It is public knowledge who sponsored this bill. Don't you fear for your own safety and the safety of your own family, when presenting such a violent bill, that seeks to inflict pain and suffering on so many people, and families? Please withdraw this bill, and never present it, or anything like it, ever again.