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Testimony of Libby Fotter  
Against LD 227

An Act Regarding Healthcare in the State

Honorable Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and Health Coverage and Insurance Financial Services Committee Members, my name is Libby Fotter and I oppose LD 227. I live in Auburn. Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee.

I have been a nurse for 16 years and I'm a mother of four daughters.

The brain isn't considered fully developed until around the age 25. Until that time the parents or guardians of the child are responsible to guide this child, certainly legally until age 18. This bill however, directly creates a divide between parents and children. When in fact, studies show that children have lower levels of anxiety and depression when they have a committed relationship with their parents. During a time when anxiety and depression in children is at an all time high, if you truly care for what is best for children, why wouldn't you focus on cultivating the relationship between parents and children instead of destroying it? I would ask you to consider why you think you know what is best for all of the children in America more so than their parents. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please vote ought not to pass for LD 227.