

Good afternoon,

My name is Joan Angelakis. I live in Lewiston. I am here to testify against LD227. I am a licensed clinical social worker in the state of Maine since 1989.

Today I stand before you, grieved, about what I read in this proposed draft. My heart is broken for the people of Maine and what might be coming upon them without their knowledge. This whole issue got me up very early this morning as I was reviewing my last, almost 40 years since, moving to Maine.

My drive from Lewiston to Farmington is quite different than it used to be. Our beautiful mountains are now, scattered with windmills.

Beautiful farms now, ugly fields of solar panels.

Thriving businesses overtaken by marijuana growers and some of them have come from China.

What in the world are we thinking. "Maine...the way life should be?" Not anymore!
Maine is getting less attractive because of these things that we are allowing into our state.

The advocates of this agenda are not focused on what is best for Maine's children or pregnant women. Their intent is not for good. They're intent might be for power or for money. Or maybe they are using us for a test site. It is a fact, that they are using our Open Hearts and desire to do good and help others for their own purposes...and it is not to help children.

I repeat...There is an agenda here and it's not good.

You are the ones that are making decisions for all of us.

What is your motivation for considering this bill? Who will it benefit? Certainly not the unsuspecting people of this great state who have entrusted you with their lives.

We would be the first and only state and these United States that would allow a child to be brought here to have an abortion or to have their bodies mutilated without parental knowledge?

Have you really allowed yourselves to think about how that would happen? ...
You send your child to school, they don't come home and you have no idea what has happened.

Who are the people willing coerce a child to lie to their parents and encouraged to trust them?

How did a conversation even begin with a child about an operation for a sex change?

Many children express a desire to be the opposite sex at times in their lives. Many teenagers have same sex experiences ... the idea that they would want to become the opposite sex is misguided and untrue. They don't even have the brain capacity to make those kinds of decisions.
Let the child reach adulthood and then decide with a developed brain.

To provide a place to have a life altering operation to satisfy some emotion or some negative thoughts about themselves is a form child abuse.

Why are we letting outsiders rape our state?

There is a rapacious spirit coming from outsiders who have their sites on Maine...and YOU are the gatekeepers that have been elected to protect us all from those rapacious people. This is a precious and beautiful state...and today you are considering a bill that would threaten the people of this state and our precious, beautiful children... and also... the children of the whole United States.

Why are you are considering opening the door to this?

We are foolishly listening to lies with the promise of what?

Who and what are we attracting to our state?

We will no longer be Vacationland...we will be Vacateland. No boundaries...we see the division and turmoil and cost of this happening in our country right now.

Why Maine?

We ask ourselves. Because they think we are expendable, ignorant, uneducated, passive a great place to see if we will take the bait and sell our souls and those of our nations' children for a social experiment.

As children are being trafficked into this country through our many borders...so will they be trafficked into Maine. You will be inviting the most evil, reprehensible, mutilating acts of those pushing their agenda into the state of Maine and exploiting these children and ruining our state forever.

You will be taking on the care of every child that has a body part removed or altered. Rest assured...the lawyers will write this bill in such a way that the people of Maine will be footing the bills for medical costs, legal costs and mental health costs of all those who come for abortions and bodily mutilation.

Let's show them who we are as Mainers! Let's prove that we are smart and knowledgeable and wise.

It takes courage to step up, let your conscience be your guide and do the good and right thing!

Tell them, "NO! We are not interested!"

Let another state be the test tube for these atrocities. If you pass this bill or any like it you will see an exodus of good people moving out of Maine, no matter their political positions.

Vacationland or Vacateland...you decide.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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