

LD 227

An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, My name is Abigail Beal of Cherryfield, Maine, and I am here in strong opposition to LD 227.

The truth is this bill is not about health care, women's health, child safety, or caring solutions to gender dysphoria. Rather, this bill pulls out all the stops to allow the free and protected mutilation and destruction of children *inside and outside* the womb. The consequences of this decision are highly serious and far-reaching, affecting with finality the lives and well-beings those who need our care and concern the most.

Not only does this bill affect Mainers though. It also proposes to make the state of Maine a threat to ALL 49 other states and U.S. territories. LD 227 says that women have a "legal right" to kill their babies. It says that it's perfectly okay for people to kidnap minors and help subject them to mutilating surgeries. It binds the hands of law enforcement and the courts. And it provides no religious exemption for medical systems and healthcare workers who object to these measures and no recourse for parents and guardians who love and care about their children more than anyone else in the world. This Frankenstein bill is evil and frankly does not belong in a civil society.

We look in horror upon acts of cruelty committed by evil regimes of the past, such as the Third Reich. We openly condemn acts of injustice, such as slavery. And yet at the same time we willingly and proudly conspire to legalize the free killing of unborn human beings and the trafficking of innocent children. I tremble to realize that we are fast becoming an evil regime ourselves.

It cannot be ignored that our government was founded on Judaeo-Christian principles. You may not recognize God as the Supreme Judge and Lawgiver. But that does not change the fact that He is. So it is only appropriate that in such matters we turn to His Word. The Bible makes it clear that each one of us has a fundamental right to life, and we do *not* have a right to kill the innocent. (See *Genesis 2:7 & Exodus 20:13.*) In regard to issues of gender, Isaiah 45:9-12 makes it clear that God knows what He is doing when He creates us, and we are not to strive with Him.

And Genesis 1:27 & 28 kills two birds with one stone when it states, "*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply...*"

Life is a blessing. Being either male or female is a blessing, and the issues of life and gender lie appropriately in the hands of our Creator.

In closing, by claiming that women have a right to abortion, this amendment violates Article I, Section I of the Maine Constitution, which states that all people have a right to life. By legalizing kidnapping, destroying families, and procuring irrevocable damage to the mental health and bodies of our population, this, too, violates Article I, Section I, which states our right to safety and happiness.

As Legislators, supporting this bill would be a clear violation of your oath of office. The performing of this bill would seek to cause law enforcement to violate their oaths and health care providers to violate the Hippocratic Oath.

I could go on, but I think it is clear that LD 227 is wholly inappropriate, constitutes a public mark of disgrace, and ought to be opposed by every member of this legislature and voted down in Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 227, and I thank you for your time.

"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers." ~ Mother Teresa
"Children and adolescents should be loved, and taught to love themselves, as wholly male or female. Children are always born in the right body." ~ Dr. Jill Simons, Executive Director of the American College of Pediatricians