

**Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and Members of the Legislative Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee**

**My name is Denise Pelletier Slazas. I was born and raised in Aroostook County and have lived in Stockton Springs for the past 32 years. I am testifying today in opposition to LD 227.**

**Having read the proposed addendum to LD 227, I was struck by the tone of the document. Rather than protecting the people of Maine that it promises "health care" to, LD 227 is in place to protect the purveyors of these services.**

**Chemical castration of children would become a right under this law. Surgical removal of healthy body parts would become a right under this law. Kidnapping of children would be legal in this state. And, in fact, Maine would become a sanctuary state for out-of-state criminals as well, as it ties the hands of our own law enforcement and judicial system. Babies who would normally be cared for in neonatal units in our state would be killed and thrown in the trash as a right, as well.**

**Conversely, under this law, parental rights are non-existent. Medical institutions who have taken seriously the responsibility to "do no harm" would be forced into these heinous acts. And we the taxpayers would be forced to pay for these services.**

**LD 227 fiercely protects the multi-billion dollar industry that commits these atrocities. And may I remind you that no legitimate science is behind these treatment protocols. In fact, these same protocols have been dropped in many states and European countries. We are using this generation for experimentation in the same way that people suffering from mental illness in the 1930's to 1950's were treated with lobotomies, now an illegal practice.**

**Nowhere in LD 227 are there protections or recourse for the children and families who will be destroyed in the wake of this bill. In fact, LD 227 very specifically asserts that victims of these medical interventions have no legal recourse and no protection through law enforcement, either.**

**LD 227 has been designed to protect the perpetrators of these crimes against humanity. I respectfully ask you to consider the cost to these young individuals and to our state.**