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RE: LD 227

Madam Speaker and committee, thank you for listening to me today.

I could not sit back and not speak up to save the children and the abused. This proposal opens the gates for human traffickers and child abusers from all 50 states. Maine should not be the voice of the country. Many of us here today do not want or need this hideous proposal. Some want to make this a RIGHT, but this is far from the truth.

First stating this is for ALL PERSONS should alarm every human being. There are no safety measures for the underage or mentally ill. There is no requirement for mental health counseling to find if this is the PERSONS true desire or were they coerced. Trying to take away parental rights, that is deplorable. They are the people who love and care for them. Now the government wants to put that in someone else's hands, that is ludicrous.

Second LD227 will have no repercussions for those who carry out this heinous act under the darkness of Health Care. With a five year no investigation or litigation you will make it impossible for victims to be vindicated against their abusers. And when I say abusers, these are not just people they know but traffickers and health care professionals. With their own desires and not in the betterment of the PERSON.

Case in point-My adolescent family member is currently in a mental health facility. When brought in two years ago a staff member, for five months, consistently advised that they may be transgender. Even though they had never expressed it before going there. And even when they said they were not, the staff member daily counseled them on it until the child said they were a different gender. This child now self-harms daily, which also did not happen before. And what if the parents were not given the right to oversee medications and surgeries. This child would be further victimized. Yet under your proposal the victims or family would be consider "hostile" if they even try to investigate abuse, malpractice, or pursue damages. The only thing hostile is LD227.

I do not want my tax dollars funding ELECTIVE treatment and procedures. I do not want parental rights taken away. I do not want a victim to not be able to hold the person who caused them harm to not be accountable. And I do not want Maine to be the state that destroyed the lives of so many in our nation.

It is clear those who proposed this have their own agendas and are not in the best interest of the people they swore to protect.

God help you if you let this go through.