

To the Chair and Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee

Oppose LD 227

I am writing in opposition to LD 227 for a variety of reasons: It does not touch the heart of the problem for gender dysphoria—the underlying emotional issues, : it will place an undue burden on Maine residents already struggling financially, Mostly, I am outraged that this bill will tear family ties. Keeping secrets from parents? Every tyrannical government across history has resorted to this: get rid of parents' authority. It hasn't gone well for those countries that have tried it. It was the first of many rights to be abolished. Life matters.

There is not sufficient evidence that body mutilation will solve the problems that our youth are having. I quote The Hill of June 28, 2023:

Why are more countries turning their backs on what American medical associations, most Democrats and the American Civil Liberties Union call “medically necessary” and “life-saving” care? The answer is that Europeans are following principles of evidence-based medicine (EBM), while Americans are not

I beg you to vote ‘ought not to pass’ on LD 227.

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