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Against LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

Senator Bailey and Representative Perry, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Affairs,

If there's anything the last few years have taught the people of Maine, it's that this administration is not interested in hearing what we have to say. Thankfully there is a higher authority, Who cares deeply about our concerns, and to Whom every person in this room will one day have to give an account for their actions here on this earth.

God, I ask You to intervene in our state. You have been so, so gracious and merciful to withhold your righteous judgement against the evil that has been encouraged to flourish here. You have allowed endless opportunities for repentance, and to allow those who have attempted to usurp Your authority to humble themselves and ask Your forgiveness.

But God, here we are—with a bill before us that enables the killing and maiming of innocent children. Children that You in your power and wisdom have created in Your own image and who have been given Your breath of life. A bill that seeks to undermine your design for families, and to actively destroy what You have created.

What arrogance to defy the living God! A fool says in his heart that there is no God; how exponentially more foolish to try to replace Him with ourselves.

Your word says that the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord and You direct it like a river. I ask that if any of these legislators have hearts that are receptive to Your leading, that You would grant them the humility to do what is right in Your eyes, and right for the people of our state and the nation.

But God, if there are those who insist on hardening their hearts and rebelling against You, like the Pharaoh who oppressed Your people in Egypt all those years ago, I ask you show Your power and intervene by any means necessary. I ask you to bring righteous judgement against those who would shed innocent blood. I ask You, in the powerful name of Jesus, to come against the forces of evil that are behind this bill.

God, please defeat LD 227, and please have Your way in our state.