

Bianca Lobley's Testimony in Opposition of LD227

My name is Bianca Lobley, I've been a Maine resident my whole life and I hope to keep it that way. That's why I'm here to oppose LD227.

This bill will encourage the separation of families by removing parental rights and allowing other adults to bring children to Maine for the sake of "gender-affirming or reproductive care". These individuals may not be old enough to rent a car or have a cigarette even with their parents' consent but we're inviting them here to make permanent changes to their bodies whether they have parental consent or not. Not only that but it will open up impressionable children to kidnapping and abuse from adults who use transportation to Maine for gender-affirming or reproductive care as a cover for kidnapping. The rest of the bill would make it incredibly difficult if not impossible for parents to protect them from adults who use this bill to harm their child. Overall I've found that parents want what's best for their child more than anyone else and I think that it's a dangerous thing to try to separate a child from their parents. I would like to see more bills come through Augusta that are meant to bring families together rather than encourage separation and abuse.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your time, please listen to Maine's residents and vote in opposition of LD227.