

Testimony of Kaylee Chamberlain
Against LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and distinguished members of the HCIFS Committee, my name is Kaylee Chamberlain, and I am here to speak in opposition to LD 227. I believe that this bill will take away all parental rights, and inevitably put children in danger of sex trafficking. This bill will not be good for Maine.

LD 227 will be putting children all over the country in danger. As humans our minds do not fully mature until about the age of 25, and we are putting these life altering decisions in the hands of minors, children. This bill takes away the right of parents to protect their kids from making such life altering decisions at an early age. Not only that, but the language of this bill would allow a situation where a 16 year old child who wants gender affirming surgery or reproductive care could be taken by an adult that is not their legal guardian to get these procedures done without parental consent. If this bill passes, then law enforcement could do nothing about it, even if this child was brought to Maine from another state.

That is dangerous. This bill is essentially making kidnapping legal, and it will inevitably lead to an exponential increase of sex trafficking. It puts fear in my heart for my future children and the children of this country. This would not be the kind of world that I want my kids to grow up in.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do what's best for Maine and oppose LD 227.