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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, my name is Sergei Chaparin. I am speaking in opposition to LD 394.

Since the bill language is so generic, it's hard to come up with specific comments. In general, for those of us who oppose this bill, its approval will make things worse overall. The introduction of the bill did not provide definitions of what's safe and healthy, so why don't we talk about what's unhealthy.

A 2015 study of a sample of nearly 6,000 social workers, states that "over four out of 10 participants experienced mental health problems before becoming social workers."¹ I have met several LCSWs. Not only did their work ravage through their mental health, but some also told personal stories of difficult past. Are they better for kids than parents?

This is not just about chest binders. We can only imagine where this is going to go. Transgender surgeries funded by taxpayers quadrupled since 2019.² While some may think they are just being accommodating to children in extreme cases, regardless of how the bill is worded, it will put councilors in a dangerous position of conspiring against the parents.

Listen to Jordan Peterson's interview with Chloe Cole.³ Chloe's devastating testimony reveals lack of guidance and informed consent in her transition, and abandonment by the healthcare industry in de-transitioning. Dr. Peterson said there is no evidence that Gender Affirmation Surgery and suicide are the only options for children who experience gender dysphoria. He cited Ken Zucker's study, that stated, that if you just leave the kids alone, by the time they are 18 or 19, most of them settle in their biological identities.

According to the Christian Medical & Dental Associations, studies commonly cited to prove that regret after transition is rare often demonstrate fatal flaws⁴:

1. High rates of patient loss to follow up.
2. Strict definitions for regret.
3. Sampling from gender clinics rather than patients.
4. Data from in-house satisfaction surveys.

We must care deeply about our children if they experience gender dysphoria. However, why rush to irreversible genital mutilation? How do you not care about such drastic changes to kid's bodies when their brains aren't even developed yet to make such decisions?⁵

If you browse through Klaus Schwab's "Covid-19: The Great Reset" book chapter headings, they read: Economic Reset, Societal Reset, Geopolitical Reset, Environmental Reset, Technological Reset. This is where it's going! In his chapter on Mental Health, he dared to say that as of 2017 a quarter of the population already experienced mental health problems, and that Covid added to these issues. In his book "The Great Narrative," he bragged that the popularity of Netflix butcher series "Squid Game" was driven by unfairness and difficulty of reaching prosperity. From everything I learned about Klaus Schwab, he would probably rather we were all dead or enslaved.

Dear committee members, this is the plan the World Economic Forum is writing for us, and the people who are supposed to be representing us are reluctantly marching in lockstep with this plan. I understand there is supermajority, but groupthink led to the Challenger explosion.⁶ Let's not allow our government to stand in the way of child-parent relationships. Vote Ought Not to Pass!

And to Rep. Millett's question of how we should deal with child abuse at home, we should deal with it the same way we've dealt with it historically.

¹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6042294/>

² <https://www.themainewire.com/2022/11/maine-transgender-surgery-mainecare/>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6O3MzPeomqs>

⁴ <https://cmda.org/regretting-transition-for-gender-dysphoria/>

⁵ <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/encyclopedia/content.aspx?ContentTypeID=1&ContentID=3051>

⁶ <https://www.history.com/news/how-the-challenger-disaster-changed-nasa>