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LD 227

Good afternoon.

I am writing today because LD 227 is bad for Maine. As you may imagine, I have several issues with this bill. The most significant is my concern that it would allow serious and irreversible damage for minors. In the State of Maine, children under 18 years old are not even allowed to get a tattoo, and parental consent is needed for a piercing. How much more should a parent be involved in such a critical decision as one that would permanently alter a person's ability to have children?

Additionally, human trafficking is already a serious issue at hand. I personally have had the opportunity to interact with survivors on both a personal and professional level. People who think it is not happening in Maine are wrong. I ask that you do not make a loophole for criminals to have a legal reason to kidnap and abuse children.

I was one of the hundreds of pro-lifers who testified against LD 1619. I waited in the capitol building until midnight to do so. I felt strongly both then and now, that abortion cannot be medical care if it is actively killing a human life without working to save one. LD 1619 was extreme enough, the citizens of Maine do not need further ability to kill unwanted children. As a social worker, I am fully aware of the "cost" these children can have. I also know how loved and wonderful they can be. The State of Maine works hard to protect vulnerable children, these should be no different.

I ask that you vote "ought not to pass" concerning this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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