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Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Legislative Health Care, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, my name is Gregory Bagley and I reside in Ludlow Maine. I would like to address this committee and voice my strong opposition to LD227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State of Maine. I work in the healthcare field in supporting hospitals to be able to treat patients so that they can live healthy lives. This bill would remove parental involvement and consent and allow a minor to go and get life altering surgery and meds. Kids under 18 should not be allowed to do this because their brains have not fully developed and they cannot make good rational decisions at these ages. We don't allow kids to vote or go to war, but this bill would allow them to make decisions that would affect the rest of their life, which they can never reverse. Furthermore if a minor get these procedures it puts them at a much higher risk of suicide or a life of constant pain because of these non-medically necessary surgeries. Kids need a safe place to grow and learn and the best place for this is with their parents. This bill will remove the parents and put kids on a bad foundation for the rest of their life. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns on LD227 and I ask that you vote to oppose this bill. Thank you.