

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services committee, my name is Hadassah Beal of Cherryfield, Maine, and I am here in strong opposition of LD 227, "An Act Regarding Health Care for the State." Again and again this session, this Legislature has sought to push through legislation that greatly harms the current generation of children and those to follow. The bills (LDs 1619, 1735, 780, & 227) are abhorrent and evil, created for the destruction of Maine's very own citizens.

In the Bible, Luke 17: 1-2 says, "It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones."

To those legislators who support this bill, I would offer a warning. Satan loves nothing more than to lead people away from light and life. He will use those who are willing to be instruments in his hands. Please do not allow yourselves to be used of the Devil in this matter.

LD 227 seeks to make both abortion and gender-altering services a right. Life is a precious gift from God, the Creator of each human being. Is abortion really any different than murder? I respectfully argue that it is not, since life begins at the moment of conception. Performing or allowing an abortion is no different than taking the life of a human being outside the womb. Why are we so eager to pass laws to make an abortion as easy to obtain as possible?

In 6,000 years of earth history, there has never been this much confusion about genders. A male was and is a male, and a female was and still is a female, from conception. It should be of great concern that this bill encourages gender dysphoria, removes the authority parents have over their children's medical decisions, and allows child kidnapping. God gave children to parents, and it is not the government's right to pass legislation that strips them of their God-given authority. Nor does this bill make any sense in light of other Maine laws for minors. As a minor, a child may not get a tattoo, go to a tanning salon, or purchase medications, but we are seeking to allow these same minors to make life-changing decisions that will affect them forever and can rarely be reversed, without the consent of their parents?

LD 227 way oversteps any right the government has. You have been elected to your positions as legislators to uphold the constitution and protect Maine citizens. This bill does not fall under either of these duties. I urge you to vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 227. Thank you for your time.