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LD 227

I writing in opposition to LD 227.

This issue has gained much attention throughout New England, which has prompted me to voice my concerns over this bill.

Children do not legally require gender affirming care, nor do they require reproductive healthcare services. Children require time, patience and proper guidance when dealing with the turmoil that comes with being a teenager. There are many people who have transitioned in their youth only to regret it later in life. Some are now speaking out AGAINST this premature, life changing decision.

To add insult to injury, this bill will allow, for those that cannot afford this optional and highly questionable medical procedure(s) including irreversible surgery to be funded by the taxpayers of Maine.

I don't know why no one addresses the fact that there are so many options available to women today to prevent pregnancy. This is no longer the days of old where it was shameful to have a baby out of wedlock and no options. There are many ways to prevent getting pregnant. There are organizations out there that will offer support regarding this.

As someone that lives out of state and vacations often in Maine, this is very concerning. I also have family that live there and they too are very concerned. I'm interested in this as someone from another state because the state of Maine will become a sanctuary state for those seeking these procedures potentially without parental consent and at the expense of the Maine taxpayer. It is also allowing for children to go across state lines with another adult and the parent will have no legal rights to stop their child once in Maine. Parents have rights over their children. The state is the not legal guardian of children, nor should they be.

It also appears that Maine wants to get or start the domestic medical tourism industry. This is a bizarre move for Maine. This is not how Life Should Be.