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LD 227

LD 227 ought-NOT-to pass. Although I've testified to this bill in person, I should not have had to testify at all considering testimony was already submitted last year in front of one of the committees taking up the the subject of "gender affirming care". As I read it, the testimony included studies abd findings by several countries including Sweeden and the UK who monitored these interventions for some twenty years and found that they were largely a failure as far as physical and psychological outcomes were concerned and have banned these procedures in their youth populations.

So why is Maine hell-bent on bringing forth another bill of this type?

My opinion is that these procedures (including up-to-birth abortions) - if this bill passes - will represent \$BILLIONS of dollars in revenue for both the state of Maine and partners of the Medical Industrial Complex.

Since we are here, indulge me in providing you with some numbers. I was a respiratory therapy practitioner and a data scientist for a combined 40 years. It took me the second 20 years to substantiate the numbers of medical errors I was seeing as a practitioner for the first 20 years.

Some of the medical professionals talked about "evidence based medicine". If they were serious about that claim they would have rejected this bill based on the reports if this failed experiment in other countries.

But since they didn't, let's talk about outcomes and evidence based medicine:

440,000 deaths due to medical errors per year in the U.S. more then Fentanyl, automobile accidents and gun shootings combined. That's 1 death every 5 minutes due to medical errors.

I generated the following number and published a monthly report for a major medical center in Maine for several years.

Of the top ten causes of mortality in the hospital, the top 2 responsible fir 25% of those deaths ard a result of nosocomial and iatrogenic means - by the hospital.

If you're adamant about moving forward with this bill, and subjecting these youths to risky medical procedures, then I expect that you will also propose a series of bills dealing with Healthcare medical errors. While I just highlighted mortality rates, injury rates are at least a factor of 100 above that.

I've lost four family members to medical errors. I've never not had a procedure without witnessing or experiencing a medical error. Let's not subject theses kids to the same systemic risks.

Thank you.