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LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Legislative Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I am Daniel Church, I live in Lewiston, Maine, and I am here to testify strongly against LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State.

Please consider the fact that many European nations are pausing transgender affirming health care as seen below.

“The U.K. is not the only European country that is rethinking how to approach gender-affirming care for minors. Several countries, including traditionally more progressive nations like Sweden and Norway, are changing guidelines at least in part due to questions from some doctors about the risks of such procedures. The changes in Europe are occurring more often at the health care policy level initiated by medical professionals, rather than through new or adjusted laws pushed by legislators, and experts say they haven’t been politicized to the extent they have been in the U.S.”

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/2023-07-12/why-european-countries-are-rethinking-gender-affirming-care-for-minors>

Even the New York Times has published concerns and problems:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/02/opinion/transgender-children-gender-dysphoria.html>

“Last July, the country’s National Health Service said it would shutter the public Gender Identity Development Service at the Tavistock clinic in London, the only provider of gender-affirming care for minors in England and Wales. The NHS cited an internal review that raised concerns that children were being referred too quickly...”

<https://www.politico.com/news/2023/10/06/us-europe-transgender-care-00119106>

Please vote, ought not to pass on this bill and never bring any part of it up again. Our state has enough problems preventing child abuse, let us not sanction it in law with LD227.

Mark 10:14-16

[14] But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. [15] Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” [16] And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Respectfully,  
Rev. Daniel Church