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I am writing in regards to my brother, Leo S. Clark III, who has been in the mental health system for 50 years from age 19 and currently at age 69, and he is still currently receiving mental health services through a Maine Medical Center adjunct facility, Maine Behavioral Health, and as I understand it MMC P6 still prescribes his medications, which include estradiol and perhaps other hormone therapy drugs as he is being encouraged in his uninformed choice to become a transgendered female, a term which has been politically decided and has no basis in medical or scientific fact in my and many experts' opinions. He cannot make basic decisions often, and my attempts to advocate for him have been repeatedly thwarted over the years. This blockade emanates from MMC P6 Psychiatric and also heavily through Catholic Charities, an organization within which his sexual abuse originally occurred via the Catholic school system, starting for him at around age 9 or 10 and continuing through his sophomore year of high school at Cheverus in Portland. It is utterly criminal in my opinion that a man who is as impressionable as a child and is on multiple medications already for schizophrenia and sometimes depression, is being allowed to further drug himself with estradiol and other hormone treatment drugs designed to reduce his testosterone and increase estrogen levels. He has grown breasts. A man who obviously suffers from gender dysphoria as a result of childhood sexual abuse is NOT A PROPER CANDIDATE for gender altering medical treatments in my opinion and in the opinion of a plethora of experts outside the Medical-Industrial Complex that has placed profit before people for decades ongoing, particularly from the days of putting children on "ADHD" drugs, throughout his medicalization with shock treatments in the 70's, Thorazine, Clozapine, Clozaril etc. and more recently he was influenced into accepting ECT treatments as a way to get himself out of P6 where he spent 3 months in recent years, during which time he was being represented by a lawyer in a lawsuit against the Catholic Diocese of Maine, The Society of Jesus of New England, Cheverus High School and perhaps other entities - a lawsuit that lawyer Mitchell Garabedian recruited me and my brother for, held onto his case for 14 MONTHS and then for no good reason dropped his representation. In a side issue, now the retroactive law to seek damages outside the Statute of Limitations is currently being stonewalled (they call it challenged) on constitutional grounds in attempt to repeal the retroactive status of the law.

In my opinion, the medical establishment and mental health system of Maine is being nothing short of irresponsible and in my estimation CRIMINAL in their condoning of his multiple female personality condition and using this as a GOOD REASON to consider him an active participant in the Gender Clinic program in Portland, where, again, he is being prescribed female hormone drugs and being allowed to indulge his schizophrenic condition. How any medical professional can justify a schizophrenic being allowed to take drugs to further alter his chemistry is beyond me. If he wants to dress a certain way, wear his hair a certain way, think a certain way, well, so be it. But to allow this further step of prescribing gender transforming substances is nothing short of CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE in my opinion.

I thank you for your time and consideration in reading this testimony as part of the decision making process as you consider giving these incompetent medical professionals further free reign to take advantage of vulnerable populations such as children and the mentally ill.

Sincerely,  
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