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LD 227

To the Chairs of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

RE: LD 227 and Amendment.

I strongly oppose LD 227 and its 21 page amendment.

I object to the presentation of this bill, which gives inadequate advance notice to the public, and not enough time for serious opponents of it to consider the unprecedented, complex and sweeping (REVOLUTIONARY?) changes it proposes. It comes across as a "stealth bill" aimed at quickly rushing the public's consideration of it, and seeking premature closure on a complex bill with many parts and multiple serious changes that have vast legal implications for every citizen.

The content of the bill deals with out-of-state, adolescent abortion and transgender cases being offered an all expenses paid refuge in Maine, at open-ended, incalculable public expense. It would force thousands of Maine citizens, who oppose abortion and transgender treatments to be unquestioning participants, while denying those same citizens with religious objections the normal right to seek legal or legislative relief. The bill puts a legal moat around Maine and disallows all legal and governmental resources, countrywide, from taking action against this would-be law.. Presumably, this includes the US supreme Court and the US Congress.

The Sanctuary state concept, enshrined in the bill is particularly repellant. It, in effect, decrees that Maine should stand apart from the laws, and the governments of 49 other states with respect to their existing family rights and child protection codes. It would place Maine outside of American law, and it forces unwilling Maine citizens to be outlaws with regard to the rest of the US.

This bill is an outrage to the average Maine citizen.

This bill ought not to pass,

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