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Respected members of the legislature, I urge you to vote against LD 227.

I have addressed the Judiciary committee before on similar bills, and I will not stop addressing any committee that deals with these matters, and confronting the evils of abortion and transgender surgeries, until you abolish them! Humans are made in the image of God, and should not be destroyed, as in abortion, or mutilated, as in transgender surgeries. They should be protected by the law of the land, not killed, trafficked, or hurt.

Regarding abortion, all people, including unborn children, are made in God's image, with souls, emotions, and thoughts. All people deserve to be protected, especially those who have no way to speak for themselves. It is your duty, as representatives of the people, to uphold justice and protect life, no matter how small or insignificant a group of people may seem to you. Value has nothing to do with location, dependency, level of development, or size. These are arbitrary standards, they have no bearing on the true value of human life.

To put it in simple terms, if you pass this bill, you are killing the next generation before they even leave the womb. You are killing humans, and don't even care that it's sinful, and an atrocity. I would venture to guess that you all believe that what Hitler did in the Holocaust was evil (as do I), but don't see that you would be doing the exact same thing. He decided a certain group of people were lower than himself, and ruthlessly murdered them. You have decided that unborn babies are lower than yourself, and make laws to allow others to ruthlessly murder them! In so doing, you are participating in this sin, and will have innocent blood on your hands. In the Bible, the book of Proverbs says: "There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers." (Proverbs \( \Boxed{16} \Boxed{-} \Boxed{19})

This is what God thinks of your sin, and He is the one we must obey. Turn to Him and repent of your sin!

Regarding transgender surgeries, if you pass this bill, it will allow anyone to have elective surgeries that will affect them for the rest of their life, including minors. These surgeries change the structure of a person's body for no reason except to make them "feel" different.

God has created us to be either male, or female, and that is the sex we have at birth. We cannot change it. If a person is born with XY chromosomes, they are a male. If they are born with XX chromosomes, they are a female. It's a scientific fact, and you can't argue about it. We should be content with the way God has made us, and never try to change our features to make ourselves look like the opposite sex.

Also, this bill would allow doctors in this state to treat patients in other states, regardless of whether or not they have credentials in those other states, also regardless of whether or not the abortion or transgender treatment, is illegal in those states. This makes Maine law supreme over any other states' laws.

Also, this bill would allow adults from other states to bring children here, without the parents' consent, to have transgender surgeries or abortions. Maine would, in fact, become a sanctuary state for these atrocities. The adults I refer to would be a guardian ad litem.

In the Bible it says: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not

honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen... And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them."

This is truth, that comes from God alone.

Again, I urge you to oppose LD 227, and to repent and turn to Christ alone for salvation.

Thank you for your time.