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LD 227

Dear Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and distinguished members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee,

My name is Charlene Crane and I am a Maine licensed massage therapist who has been practicing in the DownEast Acadia region since 1992.

The amendment to LD 227, as it is written, would legalize the abduction of minors to and within the state of ME, and would prevent parental and guardian rights from being recognized. It would allow for everyone- including all minors- to consent to anything that is classified as reproductive health, access to abortions without restriction, and access to anything classified as gender care, without parental knowledge or consent.

So-called "gender-affirming care" is enormously misleading euphemistic terminology that is really about the perverse act of encouraging and enabling gender dysphoria and creating aberrant mental states that make youth susceptible to invasive, dangerous and non beneficial hormone blockers that often eventually then lead to irreversible surgical castration and mutilation, resulting in permanent physiological damage, and ongoing suffering from a wide variety of ills due to destructive downstream effects.

Mental health and physician experts speaking in the film "Affirmation Nation" could not find any rational or positive health improving reasons for supporting gender transitioning..

Those who had transitioned had suicide rates 19 times higher [than those who did not pursue medical treatment for gender dysphoria]  
— Lisa Marchiano (a psychoanalyst speaking in the film "Affirmation Nation" —link provided below)

Minute 15:11 Stella O'Malley, Psychotherapist: "If it was a solution, if it worked, if it on some level it appeased people and it made them feel so much better I'd be very open to it. But I've met way too many people, way too many, detransitioners who said; "I was constantly trying to fight against the onslaught of nature. I was always fighting against it with the hormones I was taking." And somebody said "It's like putting diesel in the petrol tank."

Minute 15:40 Dr William Malone, Endocrinologist: "It's often said that puberty blockers are reversible. But this I think is disingenuous on multiple levels. So the first is that the majority of children who are started on puberty blockers —over 95%— go on to take cross-sex hormones. Because they are the first step in sequential treatment, half way, puberty blockers cannot be considered a stand alone intervention.

The way the Endocrine Society breaks this down, they state very clearly that with estrogen for males there's a very high risk of blood clots and a moderate risk of breast cancer, heart disease, stroke, gallstones and elevated triglycerides, which are a type of cholesterol.

The risks of testosterone for females —there's a very high risk of thickening of the blood, and a moderate risk of severe liver dysfunction, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure and breast or uterine cancer.

The fact they [puberty blockers] are being offered outside of clinical trials, despite the fact there's so much unknown about long term risks, is a scandal in and of itself.

Across the United States, thousands of youths are lining up for gender-affirming care. But when families decide to take the medical route, they must make decisions about life-altering treatments that have little scientific evidence of their long-term safety and efficacy.

Dr. William Malone - Minute 17:53: "Something that has not gotten a lot of attention, but that I think will in the coming years is the psychological impact of being told by people in positions of authority, physicians in particular, that these interventions would improve that person's mental health and then coming to discover that not only

did the intervention not improve that person's mental health but there actually was no evidence to begin with that it ever would.

Excerpted from the documentary "Affirmation Generation":

<https://rumble.com/v4fu9qx-affirmation-generation-must-see-documentary-share-the-truth.html>

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I am opposed to the amendment to LD 227. I respectfully request it get an "Ought not to pass".

Sincerely,

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