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LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Legislative Health Care, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I am Jonathan Dowdy, I live in Unity, Maine and I am here to testify strongly against LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State. As a parent and minister to children, it concerns me that our state would consider allowing someone to take a child against the will of a parent to have an irreversible life changing procedure on that child. All statistics show people under the age of 18 as children. These children are still developing in their rational and emotional ability. To remove the council of a parent, in my opinion, is criminal. If someone under the age of 18 were taken against the will of a parent for many other reasons, this could be called kidnapping. Why change this for a life altering procedure such as abortion or gender reassignment. Parental rights must be preserved.

We also must address the fact that God made us all either male or female (Genesis 1:24). Instead of messing with God's design, let's teach the youth that they are special and loved as they are. Let us focus on addressing the hurts in their heart caused by people not loving them for the way God made them. Let us not change their body to match the image pushed on them by the same people who hurt them with their words and actions. Please vote "ought not to pass" on LD 227.

Respectfully Submitted,
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