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LD 227

“and I will take care that they suffer no hurt or damage.” Hippocrates

I do not support LD227. It's apparent that this bill is designed to protect providers of abortion and transgender “care” from litigation. The risks are high when one performs an abortion at 9 months or starts cutting and mutilating a young person's body inducing sterilization for life. This bill also legally protects providers from violating parent's and legal guardian's rights, not only in Maine, but across the country.

What about the rights of the unborn who can't speak? What about parent's rights to raise their own child? And what about the child who is confused about their gender but then regrets life-altering interventions after entering adulthood? They all have no recourse with LD 227.

Gender dysphoria in children (GDC) should be treated with psychological support, and not life-altering interventions, since most of the dysphoria subsides post puberty. According to the NIH website, “Evidence from the 10 available prospective follow-up studies from childhood to adolescence (reviewed in the study by Ristori and Steensman<sup>28</sup>) indicates that for ~80% of children who meet the criteria for GDC, the gender dysphoria recedes with puberty.”

As legislators, as a society, we must protect our children. This bill horrifically destroys lives and families while no one is accountable and profits are made. LD227 ought not to pass.