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LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and Members of the Legislative Health Care, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee:

I am Amy Hart from Auburn, Maine and am strongly against LD 227 for so many reasons. Recognizing how poorly Maine deals with the care of children under its DHHS child welfare program, we should all know for certain that LD 227 would be a disaster. The State should not take on additional parental responsibilities in situations that are so complex. Why should any Government Official feel he or she knows a child better than the child's parents? Assuming some of the Committee Members may have children or even grandchildren, I would like to ask you ~ How much control over your children or grandchildren are you willing to have the State mandate? I am very concerned that our elected officials would even consider such interference into the difficult choices families make. LD 227 is a slippery slope for sure with intended and unintended consequences and should never be put into law.