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LD 227

Dear members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services,

As your constituent, I am asking that you do not support this bill.

Here are some reasons why.

LD 227 Will establish Maine as a sanctuary state for all abortion and transgender medical care. It is a direct attack on parental rights, as a result endorses state-sanctioned kidnapping and is validating trafficking.

This bill makes gender-affirming health care services and reproductive health care services a legal right, and interference with this right whether or not under the color of the law is against state policy.

It will allow lawsuits in Maine courts against a person who files "hostile litigation". Litigation that in a another state would deter a person from obtaining gender identity/abortion services or from helping another person obtain those services.

This bill will prohibit Maine courts from enforcing a judgment from another state related to gender identity/abortion services. For example if another state issued a judgement against an aunt for trafficking a child to Maine to obtain an abortion or gender transition surgery, Maine courts would have to refuse to enforce that.

This bill will also prohibit hospitals from taking adverse action against a doctor or nurse who participates in gender identity/abortion services. There is no religious exception, therefore a Catholic healthcare organization or any other pro-life pregnancy center could be punished for counseling an employee who participates in one of these morally objectionable services.

This will also interfere with insurers ability to appropriately factor in the risk of malpractice claims related to these procedures. Because malpractice insurers cannot increase rates or impose penalties on a doctor for providing gender identity/ abortion services.

Because of these reasons and others this bill if passed could be extremely dangerous to families in Maine. Please do not support this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration