

Honorable Representative of this Healthcare Committee,

Thank you for your service. I am writing to share testimony against bill LD227. It should not be the place of Maine legislators to defy the will of the people not only in the state of Maine but in the whole country. The people of many states have made it clear, through law, their position on issues of abortion and transgender procedures. It is not Maine's place to undermine the will and law of other states.

In LD 1619, the people of Maine made it clear that the overwhelming majority of Maine citizens were opposed to that bill. Yet many legislators overstepped their power to pass that bill, some in opposition to their own majority constituents. Some representatives, when asked by other members of their party to vote in favor of the bill, even abstained from voting because they knew the majority of their constituents were opposed to the bill.

It is not enough that LD1619 passed. The presenters of this bill want Maine to assist in overriding the will of other states. This is a dangerous power grab and it does not reflect the will of conscientious Mainers, the majority of Mainers.

Sincerely,

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