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LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Legislative Health Care, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I am Ben Mosher, I live in Oxford, Maine and I am here to testify strongly against LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State. I am a father of nine children and a grandfather to 11 and counting. I believe I am qualified enough to comment on this bill that you are proposing. This bill is taking the rights of parents away and giving the state the power to determine how we should parent our children before they reach adulthood and make their own decisions. We don't let our children drink or purchase cigarettes' until they are 21 or drive until they are 16 years of age, but we think a child is mature enough to make a decision to have life altering surgery at the age of 12. Our job as parents is to nurture and raise our children to know who they are and make good healthy responsible choices for themselves. How many 12 year old's do you know that would make good choices in regard to the food they eat? Most would pick a diet that consists of mostly junk food and would not get nearly the proper nutrition they need and yet we think they can make this most incredible life decision to alter their body. This bill is completely irresponsible and a slap in the face to parents and gives the state the right to kidnap a child from their parents. How is it after 12 years raising a child all of a sudden the parent no longer has a say in the well being of their child. This cannot be allowed to go through as it will eroded the rights of parents, the very ones who love and care for their child more than anyone else. Please do not let this go any further.
Sincerely
Ben Mosher