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I normally do not do this kind of thing, but seeing what the Democrat Party is putting forth with LD 227, I felt the need to provide testimony in opposition.

Second, I am most certain that the majority of the citizens in our state do not support this bill. I personally cannot name one person in my circle of friends, family, co-workers, etc.. who thinks this bill is a good idea for Maine. I am truly discouraged and disappointed with our representatives in Augusta who do not listen to their constituents and push their own agenda instead.

This bill aids and abets child abuse and makes child abuse legal. This is just unbelievable to me that there are people out there who find this okay. I truly cannot believe what we have become. I miss the days of common sense.

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This is all about making people not trust their own eyes and to reject reality. And, if you can get people to reject reality, then you can get people to accept any evil you want to push.

Well, I trust my eyes, I accept reality, and I do not support this bill.

Third, I am truly curious as to why this bill is so important for the Democrats to put forth. If it is so important, why were you so covert about it? Why put forth a 21- page amendment on a Friday afternoon with a public hearing set for Tuesday? Legislatures should know, even with admittedly challenging/pressing deadlines, that a bill that carries this kind of weight merits greater scrutiny and attention, irrespective of where exactly you may stand on it. And, why would you kill a bill like LD1735 only to return weeks later with something even more dramatic and sweeping? Maine deserves better.

Finally, thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for your opposition to LD227.

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