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LD 227

Testimony on LD227

Good afternoon Sen. Donna Bailey, Rep. Anne Perry, and joint committee members of Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

My name is Trish Morin and I currently live in Cape Elizabeth and have lived in Maine for 52 years. I am writing to you today because of the deceit that I am seeing among the Maine Legislature and its members. This bill first came forward last year and was tabled, only to be amended and return to this year of the 131st. Legislative session. The amendments are extremely difficult to follow as the original bill is not listed anymore. Most Mainers looking to find info on a bill would simply stop reading and give up on LD 227 simply because of how poorly written it is. Can you not do better for the people you represent? The deceit in confusing your constituents is so apparent here. (Also, to hold a public hearing on the same day as hearings on many gun bills is really quite unprincipled.)

As far as this bill is concerned, I see nothing that indicates you care for children or women and their 'healthcare'. Do you realize that both puberty and pregnancy are not diseases? Therefore, saying this bill increases their healthcare is simply not true, and again quite deceptive. With abortion, a child dies every time it is performed. This we know is true. Administering gender affirming procedures on a young child, before they reach adolescence is abominable. So called experts claim medical intervention is life saving; this is a lie. 'There is not a single long term study to demonstrate the safety or efficacy of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and surgeries for transgender-believing youth. This means that youth transition is experimental, and therefore, parents cannot provide informed consent, nor can minors assent to these interventions. Moreover, the best long-term evidence we have among adults shows that medical intervention fails to reduce suicide.' 1.

Lastly, I would like to appeal to you to look at the beautiful, natural state we live in and ask yourself, do you want Maine to be known as the state where life can be snuffed out at anyone's whim? That people can travel here knowing they can hire someone to do irreversible harm to a young child? That parents in this state must give over any control of their child to a random person who makes a law saying this must happen? Seriously? Mainers are hard working people who value their families and their state. We love our nature and we love our simple yet productive lifestyles. We do not want to become a state that casts life aside. We need to stand up for life and protect our children, the future of Maine. Please stop the mendacious bill proposals and please do not pass LD 227.