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My name is Calvin Morin and I am writing in opposition to LD 227. Titling "gender affirming care" a right in the state of Maine is outrageous. There is no need for this mealy mouthed thinly veiled power grab in our state. Enshrining this foolishness in law is only going to open the door farther to allow for more, easier excesses of government overreach in the future. While claims that parents have the best interest of their children are scoffed at and minimized, using niche, outlying examples of parental abuse, it remains true that the overwhelming majority of parents have the best interests of their children at heart. To suggest that government programs should be given the authority to circumvent parental access to their children is both terrifying and laughable. Government programs of many stripes tend to be shining examples of inefficiency, and sub optimal results at best. Why then would the taxpayers of Maine see fit to entrust their most precious ones to a far removed, impersonal, body with such lackluster results?

In an attempt to be 'virtuous', or to put Maine on the map, it seems that Maine Democrats wish to speak for parents outside of our state as well, and remove parental rights from those outside our state. Before you (Maine Democrats) begin trying to reach out, and usurp authority of parents in states in which you do not reside, why don't you attempt to make the lives of those here more tenable? Lower taxes, less government overreach, with our representatives in Augusta legitimately working to improve the quality and economy of our state. These things would go far above the grandstanding power grabs set forth in LD 227.