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## Testimony of Ruth Rogers

### Against LD 227

#### An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Committee on Legislative Health Care, Insurance and Financial Services, my name is Ruth Rogers and I live in Bangor. I've come to Augusta to give testimony in opposition to LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State.

Under the broadly written LD 227, out-of-state parents would have no legal recourse if someone takes their child to Maine for gender-altering surgery and drugs.

Under LD 227, reproductive health care services includes abortion.

Abortion is not a magic eraser. Abortion is an incredible loss. A woman discerning abortion can go down either of two roads: choosing life or death. The decision for life has infinite possibilities; the decision for abortion has infinite unforeseen repercussions.

Under LD 227, the state of Maine could be required to fully pay for all of these services; a Catholic hospital could be required to provide these services; and a religious organization opposed to these moral issues could be required to cover them in their insurance. Why is there a movement in Maine to crush moral principles?

I am stunned by the unyielding intensity, the fever pitch to expand and expand and expand abortion in Maine, and equally saddened that any legislator would agree to impose more mass destruction of the next generations. Why can't these efforts be directed toward assisting women with the resources needed to carry an unexpected pregnancy to birth?

This law, if passed, will tear apart families, harm children for life, and escalate the demise of preborn babies.

I appreciate this opportunity to voice my concerns and I strongly urge you to oppose LD 227.