Tracy Santos Parkman LD 227

Representative Perry and members of the Legislative Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services,

My name is Tracy Santos and I'm a resident of Parkman, Maine. I'm writing today to testify in opposition to LD 227, "An Act Regarding Health Care in the State".

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts and consider them before voting whether this bill should move forward or not.

I'm going to make one point here, which in my opinion is more than enough to send this bill off to where it will never see the light of day again. Any bill that encourages or approves of minors being taken anywhere for so called "medical care", without parental permission is just simply wrong. This is an outright attack on parental rights in the most extreme, dangerous and destructive way. To imagine that the state has more rights than the parents of minor children is ridiculous. Has the "state" known and nurtured this child from day one? Does the "state" have a clue what is best for each individual child? NO!

God gives children to their parents, not the "state". Unless the parents have proven to be unfit, they have the right to make decisions for their minor children. This has worked very effectively to encourage and maintain strong families for a very long time. Let's leave that alone.

There are many other problems with things put forth in this bill. Hostile litigation for questioning whether things have been handled properly? Since when are people not able to question things in a free society?

Forcing tax payers to foot the bill for transgender treatments, medications and/or abortion "services"? No, thank you!

I'm afraid this bill is one more outrageous and terrible attempt to make money for the state of Maine. It's obvious that the well being of minor children is the furthest thing from the minds of those in favor of the things proposed in LD 227.

I also believe that the majority of Maine's citizens would stand adamantly opposed to this bill if they were aware of the details it contains.

I'm asking that the committee would vote "ought not to pass", for the best future for all.

Thank you, again, for your consideration of these comments, Tracy Santos