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LD 227

LD 227 – An Act Regarding Health Care in the State
Oppose

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to the proposed amendment, which replaces the concept draft language of this bill.

As a Maine voter, I oppose the very short notice and underhanded manner in which this amendment has been presented to the public.

As a parent, I am appalled to think Maine could become a sanctuary state that legalizes the kidnapping of minor children for either abortion services or permanently disfiguring surgical procedures that could involve rendering a child unable to have children.

As a taxpayer, I am sickened that my tax dollars will be forced from me to pay for the proposed abhorrent practices.

As a member of Maine Right to Life, I oppose the content of the amendment. Once upon a time, abortion was sold to the public as “safe, legal, and rare.” On demand and late term abortion makes abortion unsafe, and this takes Maine law into another realm. Abortion should not be a form of birth control.

As a former legislator, I urge the members of this committee to consider the potential costs and troubling legal implications of this bill for the state of Maine. Maine is a poor and struggling state; please remember the many hard working people struggling under the burdens that are already placed upon them by poor decisions from well-meaning, but misguided lawmakers.

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass.

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