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Representatives,

I oppose LD277. It is dangerous, disgraceful, immoral... and will ultimately bankrupt – financially and morally – the state of Maine.

The medicalization of confused children – often with a multitude of mental health issues beyond gender dysphoria – is alarming, and anything but compassionate. No child should be taught nor affirmed that they were born wrong. They're boys and girls, and beautiful just as they are. No drugs or scalpels needed. And without any co-parenting from the government.

The truth is, facts and research do not back up “gender affirming care”. In fact, every single country that has done a systematic review of the evidence has drastically limited or outright banned “gender affirming care”. Every. Single. One. Just this past week, the UK completely banned all puberty blocker prescriptions. Thankfully, the A.M.A has finally started its own systematic review. How far behind the times will Maine be if LD277 proceeds?

And looking forward, how will Maine ever survive the incalculable financial liability once de-transitioners start to sue the state? Dozens of such lawsuits have been launched in recent months against healthcare providers. States like Missouri have now dramatically limited care to limit liability. And insurance companies are being pressured by state governments to now cover de-transition. This will morally and financially bankrupt the state of Maine.

LD277 does not represent the stance of everyday Mainers, let alone common sense.

Please stop this bill in its tracks and, instead, let's work on legislation that helps bring compassionate mental health resources to the youth suffering from the terrible scourge of gender dysphoria. A noble cause, that can help address the root of the issue, instead of medicalizing our children (and those of other parents and states) for life.

Thank you and God Bless.