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Maine does not need to be a sanctuary state for transgender or abortion services. For one, we can barely take care of the people within the state of Maine. For two, I think the people have spoken in regard to their view of abortion, as it only leads to death. It's not "healthcare." It's the taking of a life, and I think each of you, deep down, knows that. I am only here today because, even though many voices (including that of my father) were pushing my mother to have an abortion, but she chose to give me life. She knew that the baby within her womb was not merely a clump of cells, but a human life. I urge you to reconsider and think through the many babies that will not get tis equal treatment, this opportunity for life, if you make a decision to go through with this amendment.

I also ask you to reconsider your allowing of minors to make decisions about gender-changing surgeries. In this country, we don't allow minors to vote or serve in war or drink (and rightfully so), as they desperately need the guidance of parents. Like we all need governing authorities, so do children need people in their lives who will not allow them to make decisions that they will later come to regret and which, as has been proved over and over again, will lead to emotional trauma and detrimental physical effects. I urge you, as a citizen of the state of Maine, to not allow this amendment to go any further. Thank you.