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LD 227 is an absurd overreach of government interference into the lives of free citizens, whereby in a single bill smuggles the most extreme positions of the most extreme faction within the Democratic party.

Country after country 10 years ahead of the US in their adoption of "gender-affirming-care" have discontinued the practice because it actually increases rates of depression and suicide among the gender dysphoric. They are literally closing their gender clinics in the UK and Scandinavian countries because they have failed to help those in need and instead left hundreds of broken children in their wake. To continue to support such malpractice is ideological possession akin to pushing lobotomies. To step in between parents and their children and protect those who would traffic children to this state for such barbaric and unscientific procedures is unconscionable.

Maine has already adopted one of the most extreme abortion stances in the country, one too extreme for the majority of pro-abortion advocates. To attempt to enshrine such an extreme stance in our constitution is authoritarian and dangerous to the spirit of our constitutional republic.

I ask you to come back to the table and find your identity as Mainers, Americans, and inheritors of a great tradition that understands different views must be able to come together and debate, lest they devolve into authoritarianism, which is what we see in LD 227.

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