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LD 492

LD 492 is far too broad to be considered for constitutional amendment. Parents rights to do what, exactly? Parents in Maine already have more than enough power.

Is this for medical/health choices? Maine has reasonable laws on the books that allow for parents and/or children to make choices for themselves. LD492 doesn't advance that in any meaningful way.

Is this for education? School curriculum shouldn't be mandated by what any specific parent believes it should be. Our public schools cover a lot of topics including uncomfortable histories, LGBTQ+ existence, and sex education. Perhaps these are the topics most 'parental rights' supporters deem unbecoming for a child?

LD492 is proposed in a way to strip rights from children in the name of parental control. I urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD492.