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LD 1040

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and honorable members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Mackenzie Reynolds. I'm a sophomore in college at the University of Maine in Orono studying history. I am here today to express my support of LD 1040: "An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members."

Gender-affirming healthcare, which is supported by every major medical organization in the United States, is being targeted by a coordinated, national campaign that seeks to remove transgender Americans from public life. Essential, evidence-based, life-saving, and affirming care should not be subject to these attacks.

Trans Mainers on Mainecare are twice as likely to have an ongoing relationship with a mental health provider. Trans Mainers on Mainecare are half as likely to report interruptions in accessing their hormones, diabetes medicine, and psychiatric medicine.

Trans rights are human rights, and securing and safeguarding these rights is very important to me as a young college student in the LGBTQ+ community with trans friends.

Thank you for your time,
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