

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee, I am writing today to ask you to support LD 1735: an act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care.”

Recently, transgender rights have been under attack more and more in our country. Maine must continue to be a welcoming place for all people, INCLUDING trans people. It must not become a state of exclusion and discrimination.

In states that criminalize transgender medical care, the receiver of the medical care can not only be criminalized but also the parents and care providers. We must not be a state that continues the trend of discrimination towards people accessing gender-affirming care, for this care is a right that provides self-empowerment, well-being, and non-discriminatory support.

I urge you to support this bill and the maintenance of Maine as a place of welcomeness and kindness. Thank you.