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Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

I am Katrin Teel of Glenburn, Maine. I am here to testify in opposition of L.D. 1735, An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care.

After reading this bill, I am stunned that Maine would have the audacity to consider usurping the authority and jurisdiction of another state in our Union.

For instance, I understand that if a doctor from a different state violates laws regarding sex change operations and then flees to Maine, Maine will refuse to cooperate with the investigation. Or if someone removes a child from their parent's custody so that the child will undergo such an operation, Maine courts will not intervene.

What kind of arrogance is this? We do not have the right to tell other states how to conduct their business, just like we would not appreciate them conducting ours. This bill is an embarrassment to the state of Maine.

Toward that end, I encourage you to vote Ought Not to Pass on L.D.1735. Thank you for allowing me to contribute my testimony.