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Bangor
LD 1735

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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for your service to our state and your continuing consideration of LD 1735
An Act to Safeguard Gender Affirming Health Care.

I am writing in support of this bill. I live in Bangor. I have friends and family who have sought gender affirming care. Such care has allowed them to live full lives as themselves. Surely this is something we all wish for. To be healthy enough to earn a living, take care of those we love, manage our own affairs, and enjoy life.

Unfortunately, there are people who wish to take away this opportunity from those who need it. Such access must be protected. I am not a specialist who knows how to do that, but I trust this bill is a good vehicle for those who do know to create safety for those providing and wishing to obtain gender affirming care.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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