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Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton in opposition to LD 380 – An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Rep. Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Frenchboro, Swan's Island, Isle au Haut, and Vinalhaven. As a legislator, I hear from constituents across Maine who identify as transgender or non-binary and are simply asking to live with dignity, safety, and acceptance.

I oppose LD 380 because it would place unnecessary barriers between young people and their doctors. Gender-affirming care is a medical decision best made between patients, families, and healthcare professionals—not through legislation. Rolling back access only increases the risk of harm for youth who need support and care, not restrictions.

I respectfully urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass.

Thank you, Rep. Holly Eaton House District 15