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LD 380

To the Chairs and members of the Judiciary Committee.

I am Michael Levey, from Winthrop, and I am honored to present my testimony to you. I oppose LD 380.

I believe a 16-18 year old who chooses gender affirming hormone therapy is making a significant life decision, one which has not been reached lightly. If the child needs privacy from a parent, it is because of the fear that parental consent be withheld, or will be used to shame, humiliate, overly influence and result in the loss of necessary, consequential, and personally important services.

A 16-18 year old's decision about this should be protected, supported, and fully discussed in settings which are comfortable for the child.

I thank you.