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LD 380

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Carney McRae. I am a resident of Rockland and I am testifying in opposition to LD 380. As a Director of Religious Exploration for two Unitarian Universalist congregations, I work with all ages to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations and the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

I believe this LD should NOT become law. I have heard the stories of adults who as children were thrown out of their homes because they identified differently than their sex assigned at birth. I have heard stories from adults who were never able to be their authentic selves growing up and suffered deeply because of this. I have heard stories of those who were able to receive gender-affirming care as children and were able to live a joyful, safe and stable life as a result. LD 380 would cause harm both to children seeking care and the health care providers, who would be open to lawsuits from out-of-state prosecution.

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 380.

Thank you.

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