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LD 380

Testimony in opposition to LD 380: An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services

To: Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

From: Adrienne Horne

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Adrienne Horne and I live in Appleton, Maine. I have grown up in Maine and accessed health care here most of my life. I am writing to testify in opposition to LD 380: An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services.

LD 380 would repeal Maine's Shield Law and put Maine's healthcare infrastructure at risk for out-of-state criminal prosecution while harming health care providers who legally and safely give life-saving care patients need.

I have often struggled to receive health care in Maine due to the limited healthcare professionals and resources in the state. I had to get on multiple waiting lists and wait years before getting a new Primary Care Physician. When I had to cancel an appointment due to a snowstorm, I had to wait 6 more months until I could get another appointment with my doctor. The healthcare system in Maine is already struggling to meet the needs of patients. This bill would threaten access to healthcare for all patients by subjecting healthcare infrastructure to out-of-state criminal prosecutions

There are many gaps and issues in healthcare in Maine, especially the lack of providers and resources I've mentioned. Unfortunately LD 380 would not address any of these issues, but only cause harm to healthcare providers and limit access to care for more people. This bill would only threaten health care for Mainers, and should not pass. All people should have access to timely, quality healthcare. This bill would limit access to life-saving healthcare, and at the same time would threaten healthcare providers and potentially decrease access to healthcare for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration. Please join me in opposing LD 380 to prevent loss of access to health care in Maine.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Horne