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LD 380

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

I am writing in opposition to bill LD 380. Hormone therapy is a discussion that can only be had by medically trained professionals and their patients. This bill removes provisions for care that, in many cases, is life saving. I was clinically depressed and suicidal before starting hormone therapy. With the help of therapists and doctors it was determined that hormone therapy was the best course of action for me. By removing provisions for minors to start on puberty blockers and other hormone therapies, this bill is attempting to legislate private medical decisions. Again, this bill is unnecessarily cruel and implies that these decisions to start hormone therapies are just whims. They are undertaken on the advice of medical experts based on clinical diagnoses.

I urge you to vote 'Ought not to Pass'. Thank you!