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Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Maine Judiciary Committee, my name is Gray Baldwin. I live in Damariscotta, Maine. I am a therapist of over 30 years of experience as well as a researcher.

I am here to testify against LD 380 An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services - Sen. David Haggan of Penobscot. This bill seeks to target medical professionals for providing important lifesaving care. It's intention is to make medical professionals vulnerable to attacks by people who are under the belief that gender affirming care is not right. It is dangerous to pass this and put medical professionals at risk for attacks, be that physical, legal, or financial. The science that is cited by the folks who wish to stop gender affirming care is not accurate. It is based in pseudoscience. The Cass Report that DHHS released about gender affirming care was filled with inaccuracies and has been debunked by the American Psychological Association, WPATH, USPATH, the American Medical Association, GLAD, and GLAAD to name a few organizations. In addition, it is important to note that a recent similarly large review of the literature conducted by German, Austrian, and Swiss experts reaffirmed the value and evidence in support of gender affirming care. Finally, the only large-scale study of outcomes from gender affirming care, the US Trans Survey, showed unequivocally that gender affirming care saves lives, that trans people live happy, healthy, productive lives without regret.

I respectfully urge you to not support this bill. Thank you.