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LD 380

Distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding LD 380, An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services.

From my reading LD 380 overturns provisions of Public Law 2023 that were previously enacted to protect health care services, including reproductive health and gender-affirming. LD 380 indicates removal of legal protections for healthcare practitioners who provide gender-affirming and reproductive health care services, which returns the law to its pre 2023 status.

For me LD 380 is a backdoor way to remove rights of Maine's citizens, specifically all women and transgender individuals. It does not reflect the majority perspective of Maine citizens.

Why is there a need to remove references to "legally protected health care activity" and protection for healthcare providers offering gender-affirming or reproductive health services?

I do not understand why elected officials of Maine are spending their time and resources to remove currently accepted law that does no harm. The current law, Public Law 2023, does not negatively impact anyone not seeking reproductive or gender-affirming health care services. Adoption of LD 380 would do that.

I respectfully ask you to not adopt or move LD 380 forward in any manner.

Thank you for your time and attention.