

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

To: Sen. Haggan, Sen. Cyrway, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Caitlyn Davidson and I live in Portland, Maine. I am testifying as an ally, and friend to all Trans and gender non-conforming individuals in the State of Maine. I am writing to testify in opposition of LD 380.

To Whom it does concern, and Governor Janet Mills,

As a resident of Maine I am writing to you in opposition of passing “Bill LD 380” regarding the removal of the consideration removal of certain laws protecting Gender-Affirming Health Care Services in the State of Maine.

In passing this bill will cause a ripple effect of pain and suffering to so many people in the State of Maine. Gender Affirming healthcare is essential to many Maine residents. It is essential to the mental health and physical health of many. This bill also seeks to remove the protections for healthcare providers which could have disastrous effects on not only the Trans community but in the health of other communities, such as breast cancer patients that may use hormone therapies. In removing these protections, you remove important access to healthcare for vulnerable groups across the State of Maine. I cannot see any reason why this bill, that would hurt so many people, should be passed or in what way it would benefit the State of Maine. I am tired of seeing fear in the eyes of those I care about everyday in this country as their basic rights and access to medical care is under attack. I ask that the Judicial Committee please consider voting no on “Bill LD 380” In order to protect health care access to all individuals in Maine.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you today for giving me the opportunity to voice my opposition of the passing of “Bill LD 380”. Sincerely, Caitlyn Davidson