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LD 227

Chair, members of the committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to speak. My name is Nat, and I would like you to support LD 227, An Act Regarding Health Care in the State.”

I am in support of this bill because humans have the right of bodily autonomy and the right to receive healthcare in accordance with their needs.

I am a trans a non-binary person who receives gender affirming care in the state of Maine. This care is pertinent to my well-being and ability to thrive as an active participant in my community. As a future clinical mental health counselor and art therapist, I need to know that the state of Maine will be able to protect any individual that I care for.

Furthermore, I need to know the state of Maine is creating the safety for providers to not be sued or criminalized while providing this integral care.

In joining 15 other states in protecting trans people seeking care and 17 other states protecting people seeking abortion. Maine will join in protecting the human right for folks seeking medically necessary and lifesaving care.

Please support LD 227, thank you for your time.