

TO: The Honorable Senator Bailey  
The Honorable Representative Perry, Co-Chairs  
Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee

DATE: March 4, 2024

RE: LD 227 An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

My name is Mary Finn. I am a retired health care professional and mother of two young adult sons. I live in Wiscasset Maine. I am writing in support of LD 227, for fairness and equity in health care delivery.

My son is transgender and we gratefully received excellent medical and supportive care for his gender dysphoria, and subsequent gender affirming treatment in the 2000s. In spite of the care that he received from medical professionals, this was not an easy journey for him and for us.

Today as a young adult he is happy, working full time, and fully participating in the life he has created. He knows love and acceptance from most people who matter to him. I wish this for every transgender person. It is not appropriate for a government to interfere in the medical care of a person and cause undue and unnecessary suffering. Life is, at times, just difficult enough, with growth and development into adulthood.

Autonomy, whether reproductive or gender expression, is essential to fulfill the promise of equality and self determination. This is rooted in our county's and state's founding documents. Autonomy means opportunity-to obtain an education, to work, to love, to have community and family, and the ability to live a life one desires. This can result in a person who can participate in the democratic process that allows this to occur.

Please vote ought to pass on LD 227

Respectfully,

Mary Finn  
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