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LD 227

Written Testimony in Support of LD 227: An Act Regarding Health Care in the State

TO: Senator Donna Bailey & Representative Anne Perry of the HCIFS Committee

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I urge you to support LD 227. This is about Maine's ability to protect health care providers, patients and access to essential care within its own borders. The bill protects established, best-practice medical care that is legal in Maine and ensures our local providers and health care infrastructure aren't negatively impacted by hostile laws in other states.

I am a member of the First Parish UU Church of Portland where all are welcomed. UU's believe in the "search for truth"; including the search to find our own true selves. And, we believe that people have the right to health care and make their own decisions about their own bodies.

I also worked as a patient & family advocate (i.e. hospital ombudsman) in the health care field for 11 years and witnessed the grief, sadness and anguish that can occur when one is not allowed to have control over their own lives. Unfortunately, in many states, this is what is happening ... and health care providers who are trying to ensure reproductive rights and gender affirming care are facing repercussions for trying to provide appropriate care for their patients.

So, for these reasons, please vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 227. Thank you for your consideration.

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