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LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and Members of the Health Coverage Insurance and Financial Services Committee, I am Flavia Mascolo, I live in Freeport, Maine, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 227.

This law would contribute to the protection of the fundamental liberty of individuals to make deeply personal decisions about their health care, their bodies, and their futures.

Gender-affirming care sought by transgender youth and their families is often life-saving and medically necessary. For example, puberty blockers are essential for some young people because they delay what would otherwise be irreversible pubertal changes to their bodies.

I am a strong advocate for abortion rights because I found myself, a few years ago, in the position of having to choose between having an abortion or carry on a pregnancy resulting in a later miscarriage or serious malformation of my child. I chose to have an abortion and everyone should be able to make that choice.

Every single person should be able to make their own decisions about their health, and their life. Choosing to have an abortion should be no exception.

Everyone should be able to get the medical care they need in Maine. Reproductive health care and gender-affirming care is life-saving medical care. With increasing attacks on reproductive and gender-affirming care across the country, Maine lawmakers must act to protect health care providers and access to care that is legal in Maine.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 227.

Thank you.
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