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As an 83 year old woman of two daughters and three adult granddaughters, I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD227. Every person, female or male , deserves control over their own body and should have that right embedded in the law. I have compassion for those who feel strongly that they were born the wrong gender and I believe they alone should make any choice they wish to change that gender. I believe love is love and people should be free to love the person of their choosing regardless of gender. As a woman in a family of women I am strong believer in a woman's right to control her body and her family planning. I was horrified to see Roe v Wade eliminated and to watch the on going attempts to take away all medical protection from pregnant women and to criminalize their actions as they try to control their own bodies. Women are being arrested as are health care providers. Women's lives are in danger from being denied necessary medical treatment. This is not a sustainable situation. Please, make Maine a beacon of hope for women everywhere and pass LD227. The rest of our country is watching!