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LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and Members of the Health Coverage Insurance and Financial Services Committee, my name is Kale Vonderau, I live in Corinth, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 227.

I and many others across Maine are strongly in favor of the support for reproductive rights and essential gender-affirming care, and to ensure these rights for everyone. Maine has the chance to set an example to other states that the autonomy and rights of the citizens of this state are valuable and respected, upholding life-saving medical care. I am trans/Non-binary and a recipient of gender-affirming care in the state of Maine for the last few years. I can genuinely say that without the freedom to receive this life-saving care I would not be here today. Having access to this care for me, my partner and his sister, my friends and so many others is essential, and I recognize so many of those who aren't with us anymore due to lack of gender-affirming or reproductive 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 and continue standing with ALL of the citizens that live in this beautiful state.

Thank you, Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and Members of the Health Coverage Insurance and Financial Services Committee for your time and care regarding this bill, please vote Ought to Pass on LD 227.

Respectfully and sincerely,  
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