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LD 380

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee.

My name is Lesley Andersen, I'm a resident of Saco, and I am here today as a Mainer and educator.

I am here today in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

LD 380 would take away access to gender-affirming care for teens unless they get parental permission. As a teacher, I've seen what happens when young people are denied care—they suffer. As a woman, I believe strongly in bodily autonomy. We don't deny cisgender teens access to birth control or mental health services—why would we deny transgender teens the care they need to live fully and safely? This bill is not about safety—it's about control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you