

The Join Standing Judiciary Committee
Testimony of Catey Draper, Cape Elizabeth, ME

Against LD 380

LD 380: An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services

May 8, 2025

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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Catey Draper, and I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth, ME. I am testifying in opposition to LD 380.

The act to repeal the provisions enacted by Public Law 2023, chapter 413 that established the process for competent minors at least 16 years of age to consent to gender-affirming hormone therapy and follow up care will hurt my friends and neighbors. Repealing Maine's Shield Law would subject Maine's already-strained healthcare infrastructure to out-of-state criminal prosecutions for providing standard-of-care health care as legally allowed in this state. Maine state law has allowed doctors and patients to safely give and receive the care they need, and LD 380 would especially cause great harm to health care providers.

Changes to Maine law are unnecessary and help no one, regardless of gender.

Respectfully,

Catey Draper
Cape Elizabeth, ME