Anne Farrington Auburn LD 380 L.D. 380 May 8, 2025

Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Other Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

As an Auburn resident, registered voter and taxpayer, I'm grateful for the opportunity to voice my displeasure with the "going-backwards" legislation proposed by L.D. 380: An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services.

Our state law already allows doctors to safely and appropriately provide needed care, and allows patients to safely receive the care they need. There is absolutely no reason to potentially cause harm to Maine health care providers, by repealing our Shield Law.

I hope you recognize that L.D. 380 and the other "related" bills under consideration today were written because of the lies and false alarms by political bullies and hate groups. They seek to create confusion and divide communities (diverting our attention from the pressing needs and well-being of all people in Maine), with the goal of achieving power, advancing political careers and promoting agendas to reverse the civil rights of women, people of color, LGBTQ people, and others.

I urge you to stand in support of Maine health care providers (and the rest of us) and vote Ought NOT to Pass on L.D. 380.