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LD 380

I am a trans woman writing to express opposition to LD 380 "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services"

Gender-affirming health care, as the name implies, is health care. Insurance companies should cover it just like any other form of care. Trained health care practitioners and their assistants should be able to recommend gender affirming care when they feel it is appropriate. Trans people should be able to seek their care.

We deserve equal protection under the law. This bill aims to make trans people and those who work with us, less protected.

This bill also appears to allow other US states to subpoena health care providers, opening the door for other states to launch attacks on Maine doctors for services they provide.

Who does this bill help?

Please stop trying to legislate trans people away. We are just as natural as you are. We aren't going away. We just want to live our best lives.

I urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 380.