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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,
My name is Ashley Macomber and I am a resident of Biddeford. I'm writing to speak against bill LD1432 and LD 380.

I'd like to start off by saying I believe Maine has always been considered a sanctuary state for gender affirming care. While the trans population has always faced threats to their lives, especially more so recently, Maine has always been their safe space. We have worked tirelessly to pass laws to not only protect trans youth but help them flourish. It is our responsibility to protect our transgender community now more than ever.

So what happens when we take away gender affirming care for the transgender youth? You can look at all the scientific studies and you will find the same answer. Trans youth will suffer and many will fall to substance abuse and/or homelessness. In my professional opinion, Maine already has an adequate supply.

I am a reproductive healthcare professional. I ask every patient "what is your gender identity?" This term is important and helpful for understanding individuals who don't conform to gender stereotypes, which also aids us in providing better healthcare. Our gender identity and expression are crucial to the way we perceive ourselves and interact with the world around us. Imagine if you woke up one day in a body of the opposite sex. How would you express your gender?

Let us maintain Maine's status as a cherished sanctuary state. We have a beautiful transgender community here that deserves to stay, to live and to flourish. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I strongly urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills.