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LD 380

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Maine Legislative Judiciary Committee. I am Mike McClellan and live in Raymond, Maine. I am away today and so writing online to testify. I fully support LD 380, An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services.

LD 380 simply returns Maine law to a common sense approach for protections. Protections are what most of us want, but to allow some to have “more” protections is wrong and does not pass serve our state well.

During COVID, I turned online to this very committee to testify and found I was early. As I watch this committee in action, the bill in question was debated and the committee members felt compelled to highlight various groups of people for special mention in the discussion. At one point Representative Thorne simply asked the group... “Why can’t we just say ALL people?” For a moment all the air left the room and then , oblivious to the brilliance of Rep. Thorne’s comment, members began suggesting “types” of people again.

The more we specify types of people, the more we leave others out. I guess that is simply politics, but I hope you each will strive to be leaders today and support this and the other common sense legislation that can put Maine back on a forward course.  
Mike