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LD 380

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislative acts listed for public hearing on May 8, 2025, specifically LD 380. This bill represents a grave threat to the rights, safety, and well-being of transgender and gender-diverse individuals in our state, and I urge you to reject this proposal.

This proposed act is rooted in harmful misconceptions and seeks to legislate discrimination under the guise of addressing nonexistent problems.

LD 380, "An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming and Reproductive Health Care," repeals existing protections for people seeking or providing gender-affirming and reproductive health care. This puts patients, providers, and supportive communities at legal risk and threatens access to medically necessary care for transgender individuals. Gender-affirming care is endorsed by every major medical association and is often life-saving. Chapter 648 protects patients and doctors from harassment or interference; repealing it opens the door to legal attacks. This bill politicizes private health decisions and invites out-of-state interference. Schools and communities should affirm bodily autonomy and access to care. Repeal would have a chilling effect on care availability and public trust in Maine health systems.

In conclusion, this proposed act is discriminatory, harmful, and unnecessary, and its creation is based on fear and misunderstanding rather than facts and compassion. More importantly, this bill does not represent the values and will of the people of Maine, stemming from a collection of bills from a malicious, orchestrated attack on civil liberties by a nationwide political action committee feeding packaged language to local representatives. I implore the Judiciary Committee to recognize the profound negative impact this bill would have on transgender and gender-diverse individuals in Maine and to vote against its passage. Let Maine remain a state that values equality, inclusion, and the fundamental rights of all its residents.