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LD 380

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Kim Michel, I'm a resident of Waldoboro testifying in opposition to LD380. The current process by which a minor aged 16-18 receives gender-affirming care has been developed on the recommendations of medical health professionals after years of experience in this regard. Politicians should never get to decide on or limit healthcare options for anyone in Maine. Furthermore, repealing Maine's Shield Law would subject Maine's already-strained healthcare infrastructure to out-of-state criminal prosecutions for providing standard-of-care health care as legally allowed in this state. Maine state law has allowed doctors and patients to safely give and receive the care they need, and LD 380 would especially cause great harm to health care providers. Please vote "ought not to pass" on LD 380. Thank you.