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

My name is **Camille Reppert**, and I am writing in **strong opposition** to **LD 380**, *An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services*. As a soon-to-be LGBTQ+ physician (on May 17th), I have seen firsthand how deeply anti-trans rhetoric and exclusionary policies harm the mental, physical, and emotional health of my patients, my colleagues, and the community members I serve.

LD 380 seeks to repeal critical protections for individuals seeking or providing **gender-affirming** and **reproductive health care**—protections that were established through Public Law 2023, chapter 648. This proposed legislation is not a mere adjustment; it represents a broad and deliberate rollback of legal safeguards that protect the privacy, safety, and professional security of both patients and providers involved in legally protected health care services.

Gender-affirming care is not experimental, nor is it fringe. It is **evidence-based, medically necessary care**, supported by every major medical organization in the United States, including the **American Academy of Pediatrics**, **American Medical Association**, and **Endocrine Society**. For many patients, especially transgender youth, this can be life-saving. Removing these legal protections will not stop individuals from seeking care—it will only drive it underground or force people to leave Maine in search of safety and dignity elsewhere. Is that the legacy we want?

LD 380 not only removes protections for those receiving gender-affirming care; it places those of us who provide this care at legal and professional risk for simply doing our jobs in accordance with Maine law and best clinical practices. It would allow insurance companies to discriminate against physicians for providing essential health care. It would allow other states' laws, many of them explicitly political and discriminatory, to endanger Maine's own health care workforce.

This is not how we support patients. This is not how we protect physicians. This is not how we uphold the values of health, dignity, and autonomy.

Health care providers across Maine are already struggling under increasing burdens. Instead of stripping away hard-won legal protections, we should be affirming our state's commitment to compassionate, inclusive, and medically sound care for all residents—especially our transgender neighbors. I urge you in the strongest possible terms to **vote against LD 380** and to protect the rights, safety, and integrity of Maine's patients and providers. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,  
Camille Reppert

