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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee

My name is Gabrielle McSherry, I am a resident of Monroe, and I have been a resident of Waldo county for over ten years.

I am here today in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

In reference to bills: LD 380

Young people have the right to self-determine their health care and should not be forced to go through a parents or guardians consent in order to so. This right should include transgender youth and gender-affirming hormone therapy, which we know is life saving care. LGBTQ+ young people are more than four times as likely to attempt suicide than their peers. Denying young people the ability to receive the care they are seeking will increase mental health, depression, and ultimately suicide in transgender youth. Suicide is already the third leading cause of death in people between the ages of 15-24. In addition, 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you!