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To the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine:

I am writing to extend my gratitude for the consideration of the amendments proposed to **243 CMR 1.00: Disciplinary Proceedings for Physicians** and **243 CMR 2.00: Licensing and the Practice of Medicine**, which codify the intent of Massachusetts 'shield laws' regarding the provision of reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services.

As both health services are supported by decades of evidence and clinical practice, I greatly appreciate the efforts of the MA BORIM to safeguard clinicians ability to practice to the full extent of their abilities and training.

As a primary care physician who has been providing medical gender-affirming care for over 12 years, 9 of which in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I can attest that this care saves lives, addresses various mental health conditions, and improves quality of life.

I am grateful for the additional consideration to safeguard my evidence-based practice.

If you have any questions/concerns, do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,  
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Automatic FYI: I will be traveling the following dates and will be slow to respond:

March 5-10

March 24-28

April 9-11

An updated away message will be available during these times.

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