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LD 1735

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am Nicky Heart, a lesbian mother, resident of Maine, and Co-Director of Parents Rights Maine

I am here in opposition of LD 1735.

Life is about learning and seeing things from different views with an open mind. Sometimes it's truly listening rather than speaking and reacting. I agree we need to learn to set aside our differences, but I also know there is great strength and accomplishment within those differences.

I have walked a very hard and challenging path in life which has led me to why I am standing here before you all today. I come here as a mother, as a lesbian from the LGBTQ community, as a 13-year experienced foster parent who provided therapeutic care, and as a child survivor of the abuses of trusted safe adults.

I was that child that is being marginalized today by all this propaganda being pushed upon our children.

I suffered from gender dysphoria at the age of 7, and by the age of 10, I became that vulnerable child with learning disabilities, a dysfunctional home, and depression.

At the age of 14, I was victimized by a so-called safe adult who was a trusted pillar of the community by the schools and by my parents. I had to survive that trauma alone and scared for the value of a trusted safe adult no longer existed.

Suicidal ideation then led me to the custody of DHS. There, you were either one of the lucky ones who found a good home amongst strangers or not so lucky and were sexually abused, neglected, or trafficked by the strangers you were placed with. Fortunately, I got lucky and began healing and finding myself.

Not long after, I started attending BAGLY which is the Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth. It was amazing to be celebrated, cared for, labeled, and proud. The words - "We are your family now" were all it took to be blinded by what was yet to come.

There were predators amongst them who targeted and preyed upon those of us who came with dysfunctional vulnerable backgrounds. I was easily softened, groomed, desensitized, exploited, victimized, and trafficked by this Rainbow cult all in the name of equity and inclusion.

If it wasn't for a saving grace who rescued me, teaching me self-acceptance and that it's ok to be gay, I am positively sure I wouldn't be where I am today.

What is happening in our schools and communities should be extremely alarming to all of us. Policies and bills are being introduced and pushed by those who have lost sight of what it truly means to safeguard the most vulnerable and defenseless amongst us - and that is our children.

Scientific data from the CDC showed that we are experiencing a severe mental health crisis from the impacts of the pandemic which has placed students at greater disadvantages of vulnerability

and even more so for the students who already had faced these challenges. We did not see our schools prepare for the mental health crisis upon their return back but did observe our schools embracing the over-sexualization of our children and indoctrinating them into a particular Rainbow Trans Cult movement which is just the gateway drug to what's coming. We are seeing sexually explicit materials being pushed in schools that normalize it, that soften and desensitize children to it, that blur boundaries of what is appropriate (between teachers and students and between peers?), and that creates trauma or trauma triggers for those who have been victimized. We know that providing sexually explicit materials to minors is illegal. We are seeing this overreach of abuse because of a loophole in Maine state law that allows school libraries to contain these materials and provide them to minors. It is obvious that this exemption is being taken advantage of by our school system. The segregation of our children by their sexuality is starting to create hostile environments of harassment/sexual harassment and bullying within our schools. The pressuring of children to choose a sexual identity that outs children who don't want to identify as such is hurting them and their friendships. The inclusivity and equity policies being implemented are placing one protected class over another. This is excluding protected classes which is a violation of the Maine Human Rights Act by which we are all equal under the law. Policies are being changed to separate, to keep secrets, and to alienate safeguarding parents from their children. It is proven that parental involvement reduces suicidal ideation, drug use, bullying, and dropout rates, and contributes to higher grades and academic achievements. This is robbing parents of their rights to support and provide safe and adequate care for their children. None of this is equity or inclusion. This is grooming and teaching children that members of the LGBTQ community are nothing but mere sexual objects and that the extent of their value is nothing more than that. That is not what my community is about. The most nurturing and healthy way to support a child that identifies as LGBTQ is to value them for who they are and let them know it's ok to be gay. No child should ever have to be placed in a position where they feel their academic future is in jeopardy, nor should they ever be exploited in any manner by trusted safe adults, whose ethical oaths are only to provide for their core academics. Children deserve to just be kids and the school's focus needs to be prioritized on their core academics- which current tanking state test scores prove. The LGBTQ community has been infiltrated by this Rainbow Cult using transgender identities to push and normalize pedophilia, MAPS, and trans-Age to gain access to children and are being given the protections to do so. For decades they have been trying to include themselves in the homosexual movement which the LGBTQ communities have been fighting against to purposely exclude.

With all the indoctrinating, grooming, policy changes, and bills being introduced without safeguards for children's rights in mind. It is clear The Rainbow Cult is using our children and the school system as the gateway to once again push for their rights and protections to victimize children under the guise of equity and inclusion. This explains why boundaries between adults and children are being minimized and the separation of children from safeguarding parental protections. That is why bills like LD 1735 are extremely dangerous to the health and welfare of every child no matter how they identify. This bill and many others like them will allow predators to gain complete access to traffic, exploit, mutilate, and victimize children while tying the hands of safeguarding parents and law enforcement agencies from protecting children from this irreversible destruction. Permanently changing a child's physical appearance is like telling them that there is something physically wrong with them., Telling children they need a label to be accepted is like telling them no one will accept them without one., Focusing on a child's sexuality is like telling them that sex is love. And removing a child's parents or guardians is like telling children they were never wanted or loved. This is why we need to stand together and safeguard our most valuable and vulnerable defenseless children and protect parental rights. That's why I'm here today to ask you to vote NOT to pass LD1735. Thank you