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My name is Rob Poissant. I'm a resident of Gorham.

LD678. An Act to Require Parental Approval for Public School Employees to Use a Name or Pronoun Other than a Child's Given Name or Pronoun Corresponding to the Gender on the Child's Birth Certificate ought to pass.

As a parent, my children were not "assigned" their sex at birth. The sex of our newborn was given by God . The problem we are experiencing today is that gender is being used to refer to a psychological reality independent from biological sex. Gender is the subjective self-perception of being male or female. As a parent , I reject the use of others using a

psychological concept of preferred pronouns for my children. The truth of our son being a male and given his male name is objective , while gender is subjective. Our culture now values altering the objective, physical reality of my body to accommodate the subjective impression of myself. My sense of self describes how I feel , but not the truth of who I am. Public school employees should be required to affirm the name given to our child on their Birth Certificate and seek approval for the use of any pronoun.

Thank you.