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Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of LD 537. In an era where digital threats have real-world consequences, this bill is essential to protecting the privacy, safety, and well-being of young people.

Doxing has become a tool for harassment, intimidation, and endangerment. Exposure of a child's personal details is not okay and can lead to online bullying, stalking, and even physical danger. The emotional and psychological toll on minors subjected to doxing can be long-lasting, impacting their mental health, sense of security, and academic success.

This bill provides necessary legal safeguards by explicitly prohibiting the doxing of minors and allowing affected individuals and their families to pursue civil action. Holding perpetrators accountable is a crucial step in deterring this harmful practice and reinforcing the message that children's safety is not up for debate.

By passing this legislation, we take a stand against digital harassment and ensure that our laws evolve to meet the challenges of the digital age. I urge the committee to support this bill and prioritize the protection of our most vulnerable community members.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Lisa Blier