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I am writing to testify in support of LD 537 - An Act to Prohibit Doxing of a Minor. It is an absurd reality of our current times that fully grown adults are resorting to directing hatred and vitriol at children by name, knowing full well that doing so is likely to cause others to escalate threats, and potentially violent or traumatizing actions against their victims. The law already protects the identity of juveniles, even those who commit serious and sometimes violent crimes, from being released to the public. Even stronger protections, including civil liability as called for in this legislation, are more than appropriate. I urge all members of the legislature to think about how this type of activity would impact the young people they care about if it were exacted upon them and to cast a vote in favor of this legislation.