

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

My name is Louise Cadwgan, I am a resident of Rockport, ME and I am testifying in support LD 537. I submit these remarks as a member of the First Universalist Church in Rockland, ME, a congregation of the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition, which affirms and promotes justice, equity and compassion in human relations, and the inherent worth and dignity of every person. I support the Maine UU State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) which links Maine's 26 UU congregations in working for legislation that embodies those values.

I believe LD 537 should become law because no child in Maine should be subject to doxing by an adult or an older child. Doxing not only affects the person attached but those around him/her who may also feel the attacker could come after them. It is unbelievably cruel that this could be tolerated in Maine. It affects straight and gay children – any one who feels they are “different” in some way from the “accepted norm”. Our children deserve to be and feel safe.

Mainers need to send a clear message that we cherish and support all children and youth, and will do all we can to keep them safe from harm.

I urge you Vote Ought To Pass on LD 537.

Sincerely,

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