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LD 537

My name is Erica Sawyer. I am a resident of Warren, Maine and I am testifying in support of LD 537. I submit these remarks as a member of the First Universalist Church of Rockland, 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 Maine UU State Advocacy Network, which links Maine's 26 UU congregations in working for legislation that embodies those values.

I support this bill as a parent, citizen and nurse. Youth face unbelievable pressure online and around the world to conform in our modern society. When they make mistakes or are just being themselves, judgement can be harsh. The consequences on adolescent mental health can be devastating. Children need to be protected from harm particularly when it promotes hatred that endangers their safety. Adults must be mindful of protecting all our youth, regardless of politics. Please consider voting in favor of this bill, to protect all children.