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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee:

As a mother and public high school teacher, I am asking you to protect Maine minors from doxxing incidents. Please SUPPORT this bill, and any future bills that will protect Maine citizens of all ages from doxxing incidents. Doxxing an individual (dropping their personal or private documents online without permission) is a very public invasion of privacy used for any number of malicious purposes such as revenge, humiliation, profit, or even political weapon. Doxxing often results in damaging a minor's reputation, future prospects, mental health, and physical safety. My own students have experienced this shameful and reprehensible action by adults in our local and state community. The recent doxxing of a minor by State Representative Laurel Libby (R-Auburn) is outrageous, dangerous, and further proof that Maine children need this protection, especially when some perpetrators are in high positions of power. Please keep our children safe from exploitation, extortion, and embarrassment by creating a law that will punish the perpetrators of such crimes. I hope you will vote to prohibit the doxing of Maine minors and allow civil action, on their behalf, for damages or any other appropriate relief. Thank you.