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Lincolntown
LD 537

Testimony in Support of LD 537

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

My name is Broo Temple, a resident of Lincolntown, Maine, and I am testifying in support of LD 537. I speak as a member of the First Universalist Church in Rockland, where our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition calls us to uphold justice, equity, compassion, and the dignity of every person. I also support the Maine UU State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN), which unites Maine's 26 UU congregations in working for legislation that reflects these values.

Every child deserves to feel safe. LD 537 will protect all Maine minors from doxing—the deliberate disclosure of a person's private information without consent, intended to cause harm or fear. This protection is especially critical in today's digital world, where information spreads instantly and can cause real harm.

Recently, Maine has witnessed the painful consequences of doxing targeting a transgender youth. However, the threat extends to all children who may be targeted for any perceived difference—whether they have disabilities, come from immigrant families, live in poverty, or belong to racial minorities.

When one child is victimized by doxing, all children feel vulnerable and afraid. As adults, it is our responsibility to safeguard our youth from these targeted attacks designed to intimidate and exclude.

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 537 to protect all Maine children and youth.

Thank you,
Broo Temple