Ann Maksymowicz Cumberland LD 537

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

My name is Ann Maksymowicz. I am a resident of Cumberland and I am writing to voice my support for LD537: An Act to Prohibit the Doxing of a Minor and to Authorize a Related Civil Action.

Maine youth deserve to live without fear that others--including adults and elected officials--may publicize their identities and beliefs in order to disparage, discriminate or harm them. Our digitally connected world further compounds the harm and accelerates the trauma and violence experienced by the youth victims.

When one youth is doxed, all youth with similar identities or beliefs are also impacted as they may rightly fear they cannot live their lives safely or authentically.

I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD537 and unequivocally support and protect all Maine youth.

Thank You, Ann Maksymowicz, LCSW (she/they)