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I am testifying in opposition to this bill because apparently some members of this legislature have a pathological obsession with figuring out how to make life worse for trans people. Please to do not remove consideration of gender identity from the Maine Human Rights Act. It is pretty clear that gender identity needs to remain a protected category under the Human Rights Act -- you have made it clear by issuing a whole slew of bills specifically targeting trans kids and trans women. Why on earth you insist on continuing to do so, I genuinely do not understand. There is enough hatred in this world already. We do not need to generate more hatred by putting targets on the backs of trans kids and then removing human rights protections for trans and queer people.