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Salutations: Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judicial Committee. Thank you for reading my input.

My name is Margaret Anderson. I live in South Portland and am a life long resident of Maine.

I appose Bills 868,1134,1704 and 1432 because they would take away basic human rights, previously codified in Maine Law.

I had the privilege of serving the people of Maine in several capacities for forty years at two high schools, South Portland High and Yarmouth High:

- * coaching girls field hockey, basketball and tennis
- * teaching United States History and American Literature
- * teaching and developing Special Education programs
- * serving as an building administrator for 20 years

We should not single out our fellow citizens by taking away their dignity to walk amongst us, shoulder to shoulder, being seen and participating equally in what makes Maine's slogan, "The way life should be," applicable to all.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input. I strongly urge you to vote "Ought not to pass" on these bills that elicit hate and discriminate specifically against the transgender citizens of Maine.

We are strong together!