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Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton in opposition of
LD 1432 – An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity
from the Maine Human Rights Act

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

My name is Rep. Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Frenchboro, Swan’s Island, Isle au Haut, and Vinalhaven. As a legislator, I hear from constituents across Maine who identify as transgender or non-binary and are simply asking to live with dignity, safety, and acceptance.

I oppose LD 1432 because removing gender identity from the Maine Human Rights Act would take us backwards. These protections exist for a reason: to ensure that transgender Mainers have equal access to housing, jobs, education, and public accommodations. Eliminating this language does not make anyone safer—it simply opens the door to discrimination.

I respectfully urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass.

Thank you,
Rep. Holly Eaton
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Stonington, Swan’s Island, Tremont, Isle au Haut, Vinalhaven