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Do not advance this legislation, which is anti-trans bigotry. Obviously this does the opposite of protecting children's identification: It seizes the authority of gender identification unto the state, which is gross overreach. Using a trans child's incorrect name and pronouns, far from "protecting" them, increases their risks for all sorts of health detriments, including self-harm and suicide. Every serious medical association in America unequivocally recommends gender-affirming practices. If Maine actually cares about protecting children, it will toss this legislation out. It is honestly embarrassing and infuriating that any level of my government is wasting its time considering this moral panic nonsense when there are so many actual problems to solve. Leave trans people alone.