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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee through written testimony. My name is Christie Dahlin and I am a resident of Portland, Maine and I am submitting testimony as a person of faith, a Mennonite Pastor, and a parent of two young children. I am submitting this testimony in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

As a person of faith and as a pastor, I believe all people are made in the image of God, and all people are created in the fullness and diversity of life. Jesus speaks of walking alongside those who are being oppressed, who are marginalized, these bills do the opposite. Transgender individuals are human beings, they are loved by God. These bills take away their humanity. As a pastor I must stand against anything that takes away the dignity and humanity of another human being.

I hope our legislators will choose to do the right thing to protect all youth and families, which includes trans youth. All Mainers and their families deserve the opportunity to live a life that is free, safe, and thriving.
Thank you for reading my testimony.