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Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Alisha Heal and I am a resident of Kennebunk Maine, clinical social worker, parent and concerned citizen. I am offering written testimony against LD 1432. I am proud to live in a state that values respect and dignity of all its citizens. This bill attempts to undermine the important expansion of gender identity under the Maine Human Rights Act that Maine voters and lawmakers affirmed in 2005. For the last 15 years, Maine has been committed to providing a safe, inclusive state for all its citizens and especially its children, which includes trans children. The Maine Human Rights Act solidified Maine's core values as a state where all people aspire to live true to themselves without government interference. As Mainers, we stand up to bullies, and that is what LD 1432 is: an attempt to bully Mainers by changing a long standing inclusive piece of legislation. I urge you to not sway to national politics and instead let Maine lead the way as a state that stands firm in its beliefs. I urge you to vote against LD 1432.