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LD 1432

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Cyr Cronin and I am a resident of Sanford. I am speaking AGAINST LD 1432.

Let it be known first, that discrimination against a transgender person, is still discrimination based on sex, not just gender identity. To deny someone legal protections over how they may present themselves, based off their sex, is still sex discrimination.

That being said, there is a clear reason why the sponsors of this bill want to strike gender identity from the text. Since 2025 began, almost 900 bills have been introduced across the country seeking to strip the rights of transgender people, emboldened by the executive orders written by our current president. Supporters of the anti-LGBT movement wish to see Maine become a hostile hellscape, that strips its residents of dignity and respect.

There is NO reason we need to be removing gender identity as a protected status that is not being done out of malice. How long before we remove human rights protections again for anyone who isn't a white heterosexual able bodied man? This is all getting ridiculous. Wishing that people who express themselves differently than you, struggle to find housing and jobs, is shameful.

Instead of going backwards, here is my suggestion: focus on doing things that actually benefit people and stop obsessing over transgender people and what they do with their lives.

Please Vote "ought not to pass" on this bill, Thanks.