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LD 1337

Senator Carney, Representative Khun, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony. My name is Renee Kramer and I am a resident of New Gloucester. I am writing in opposition of LD 1337.

Trans women in Maine already face serious barriers to accessing appropriate shelter –not to mention disproportionate risks of violence–when they are unhoused. Shelters know how to keep all women safe and have been doing it for years.

If we start restricting rights and enforcing invasive bans, we leave some of our most vulnerable community members subject to an increased risk of harassment, discrimination and bullying. Please stop this bill and the perpetuation of hate and discrimination towards our state's most vulnerable neighbors.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote “Ought not to pass” on this bill. Thank you!