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Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Tammy Petrucci and I am a resident of Lyman Maine and a concerned citizen. I am offering written testimony against LD 1002. It makes me very sad to think restricting school administration and staff from respecting the preferred names and pronouns of their students is a consideration. This is in direct contradiction with Maine school's values of treating all students with dignity, respect and protections for emotional and physical safety. The key word is ALL, this includes transgender children. Trans youth deserve the respect and dignity to be called by their correct name and pronouns. Schools of all places should provide a safe space for trans youth as it is for any other child. For all children being treated with respect and dignity is life changing. Marginalizing a child and choosing discrimination is unethical and disgusting! Restricting schools from using trans kids' preferred names and pronouns is discrimination! This will not stop these youth from being trans; it will merely create more hate and intolerance. Why must adults use discrimination of a child to spread their political agenda. All children should ALWAYS be protected under Maine law. We should not allow our youth to ever have endure such political scheming. For the well being of all our children, I urge you to vote no on LD 1002.