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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee: thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Kat Moraros, I'm a resident of Yarmouth. I am writing in opposition of Bill LD 1432 before the committee this morning.

I am a nonbinary, tax paying adult – proudly born and raised in Maine, and actively contributing to our vibrant local arts community and economy. The Maine Human Rights Act adopted protections for gender identity in 2005. Making this change 20 years later would set our great state backwards in terms of protecting ALL Mainers. By removing “Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act”, LD 1432 puts me at risk for discrimination across all aspects of my life in Maine: getting jobs, loans, housing, education, even renting a hotel room.

Race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin would all still be recognized and declared to be a civil rights – but this Bill would dehumanize me and countless other trans and nonbinary Mainers, stripping us of our civil rights which are **ALREADY GUARANTEED BY LAW**.

Passing this would reward the federal government's bullying tactics and open the door for further attacks on Mainers' civil rights, but it won't make Maine more safe or fair for anyone.

Maine must stand up against the national political agenda interfering with our rights to make our own laws. I urge you to vote “Ought not to Pass” on this bill.

Thank you!