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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Elinor (Elli) Lisa and I live in North Yarmouth Maine. I am writing today in opposition of LD 1002 - An Act to Protect Children's Identification by Requiring Public Schools to Use the Name and Gender Specified on a Child's Birth Certificate

As a parent, and a family member to someone who is a part of the LGBTQ+ community I know that these bills would hurt Maine schools and communities. The more a student is shown support in who they are and how they identify, the more likely they are to be happy, safe and a positive member of our community. Sometimes student's parents are not supportive of their child's name change or gender identity. When you start to discriminate and take things away from a student, you are in danger of not just hurting them, but hurting the community. These bills encourage hate and fear, not safety. This bill could also take important time away from teachers and administration, instead of focusing on learning. This also takes autonomy away from students and can make them feel unheard and not seen.

I have two children, a son and a daughter. I do not feel comfortable forcing my child to go by the name and gender identity they were given at birth. Birth Certificates do not take into consideration who the student is as a person! Who they want to be. Let the trans kids play!!