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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Lacey Donle and I'm a resident of Lisbon Falls. I am writing today on behalf of myself, and all those who are not able to speak up about transgender rights due to fear of putting their name and town in the public space. I am writing today in opposition of the eight bills currently before the committee regarding the rights of transgender persons.

As history has shown us with the Holocaust, Rwandan Genocide, Khmer Rouge Killings, and many other human rights violations, any attempt to separate, control and murder humans by their outward characteristics, whether it be race, religion, sect, or gender identity, only encourages violence, hatred and senseless death.

You may not think preventing a child from playing sports or using the restroom rises to the same level as the events I've mentioned above, but I do. I have read many accounts of people who survived the Holocaust, American-Japanese Internment Camps, and other civil conflicts. They all have commonalities of starting with small actions, seemingly insignificant to the general public, and rising to a level of horrific atrocities, where the damage was done by the time folks realized how bad things really were for those marginalized and targeted individuals and communities.

As a Christian, I believe in the teachings of Jesus, and have faith that amongst all the political pressure to scapegoat and target transgender people, Maine will continue to stand as a leader in the nation, in love, acceptance, and care for ALL people.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills.

Sincerely,
Lacey Donle