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Gender Identity is included in the Maine Human Rights Act precisely because trans kids and adults are at such extreme risk of discrimination and harm. It's critical to protect trans people as they are at greater risk of suicide. Without the inclusion of trans people in the MHRA, the Act loses all of its validity and teeth. Further, other groups would then stand to be at risk of exclusion.

It's really none of our business how folks identify or express their gender, just like it's nobody's business how we express our personal religious or political identities.