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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 1704. I believe all students, including transgender students, are entitled to have a safe school environment! Restricting trans students' access to bathrooms that align with their gender identity is a needless and discriminatory action that does not protect children. This is just another proposed action to advance prejudice and the marginalization of transgender children in our schools. Our schools are meant to be a safe place that fosters an environment of acceptance and not intolerance. Proposed legislation like LD 1704 creates negative conditions for all students, especially trans youth. Proposals such as these are as bad as the Jim Crow laws! All kids deserve to be treated with the same respect, they are all human beings entitled to the same treatment. Schools should always cultivate an environment of tolerance among all types of children. As a mother and Mainer, I believe we should protect all our children. I urge you to vote against LD 1704.