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LD 1002

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

I write today to in opposition to 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.

All students should be treated with dignity and be called by the names and pronouns they prefer. Home is not a safe place for all children, especially for many LGBTQ students. But Maine law states that all students have a right to safe, secure, and peaceful environments at school, and using their chosen names and pronouns is a part of keeping students safe at school.

I urge you to vote 'Ought Not to Pass'.

Thank you.