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Dear Judiciary Committee Members,

I am writing to you as a South Portland resident and a person who believes that rights of all Mainers, including transgender kids and adults, deserve to be protected. I implore you to reject this and every bill that aims to strip rights away from a group of our neighbors, friends, and family members here in Maine who simply want to live a good life like the rest of us. Why do they deserve less? Will these bills, if they become law, make trans people disappear? No. But if passed, the bills would make them even more marginalized, more targeted, more restricted, less happy and less well. It's not right. I have a young trans friend who is one of the most brilliant, creative, funniest, hardworking and considerate kids you could ever hope to meet. This child will without a doubt grow up to do extraordinary things for this state and country. And here sit these bills, intending to chip away at this child's right to simply live the way that feels true to them. Please do what you must know is the right thing to do and reject these bills and all disgraceful attempts to vilify a group for political gain.

Sincerely,  
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