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LD 233

Dear Sen Carney, Rep Kuhn, Members of the committee, I am Janice Vance and I live in Kennebunk. I will address LDs 233, 1134, 868, 1704 and 1002 together, and I urge you to vote "ought not to pass" for all of them. I have a teenage family member who identifies as non-binary. Because I love this child very much, a person who is bright, loving and talented in multiple ways, I have spent time researching and understanding the fact that about 1 per cent of our population does not fit the standard definition of "male" and "female." Also, teens who identify as being outside that definition are often experimenting. The desire by so-called legislators to stigmatize children and teenagers who are still growing up and figuring out who they are is un-American, and reflects badly on the judgment of those who sponsored these bills. I would like to point out that The Golden Rule says to treat others as we would like to be treated. That Rule is certainly not reflected in these bills.