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In opposition of LD 1432, 1337

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to the Committee.

My name is Anna Guest, I'm a resident of Lisbon, and I am writing as a concerned citizen who believes in equity and inclusion for all people. I am here today in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

**This bill is an attempt to dehumanize and exclude transgender people.** Everyone deserves the dignity and freedom to live as their authentic selves—without fear, discrimination, or exclusion. Our schools, housing and healthcare facilities, places of employment and communities should be places of safety and belonging for all.

**As someone who identifies with the LGBTQ+ community, I know firsthand what it means to question your safety simply for being yourself.** I stand in solidarity with transgender people—our neighbors, family, and friends—who are fully deserving of the rights, respect, and inclusion many take for granted.

**Discrimination against trans people isn't abstract—it shows up in housing, employment, and economic opportunity.** These aren't isolated incidents; they are patterns backed by data. Let's ensure that Maine leads by example in protecting and progressing human rights for all, including for transgender people who deserve greater visibility, equity, and affirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills.

Thank you.