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LD 1432

I am a trans woman writing to express opposition to LD 1432 "An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act"

This bill has a clear and simple goal: Erase trans people as a protected class under the Maine Human Rights Act. It really is as simple as that.

This bill is in addition to the bills for banning us from our genders' sports, facilities, dorms, shelters, bathrooms and more. This bill attempts to further legitimize those proposed bans by saying trans people either don't exist and should not be considered, or it is saying that trans people exist, but are lesser, perhaps not deserving of human rights. Does Maine want to be a state that backtracks on established human rights? To re-legalize discrimination against a class of people? To create a lower class of citizen? I thought we were better than that.

If one class of people is removed from the human rights act, what will stop it from happening the next time, and the time after that? Protect trans people now, and you protect Gay, Lesbian, Bi people, and likely more down the line. The attacks on trans rights in Maine needs to stop, and we can stop it right here.

I urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1432.