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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for this chance to address the Committee. My name is Sarah Hamill and I am a nurse living in Gray. I am writing in opposition of bill LD 1704.

My teenagers have grown up with transgender and nonbinary kids, who are among the dearest of their friends. As a parent of teenagers, I am deeply invested in the wellbeing of all of our children, and this investment is not conditional upon the children's identities. This bill discriminates against vulnerable young populations, and I would feel ashamed to live in a state that treated some of its youth in this manner. Mainers have a long, proud tradition of independence and freedom to live as we are. Let us continue to uphold that tradition for all of our people.

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