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As a citizen of the state of Maine, I find it abhorrent that people are attempting to exclude trans students from the Maine Human Rights Act.

Here we have a marginalized group that did not choose who they are. Research continues to prove that transgenderism is genetic. Before the current administration shut down testing, research has already proven that the brain structure and organization of transgender individual, under MRI and other scans, more closely matches the patterns of their preferred identity than their "genetic code".

What does this prove? That people are discriminating against a group of people who physiologically more closely match their preferred gender than their genome.

It is in their brain chemistry and not something they can just "ignore" or change. And yet people are discriminating against them and bullying them for it. We need to stop this absurdity. We need to return to treating people with kindness and letting them be happy with who they are, especially when it doesn't affect cis people one iota.

It is not our place to tell people that they can't get gender-affirming surgery, nor that they can't get an abortion.

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