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I speak as a cis woman in support of the trans community. There is no difference between addressing a transgender person by their preferred name and addressing someone by an abbreviation they prefer (ie Bill instead of William). It shows respect for the person and children deserve respect just like adults. Considering how many "old school" or "traditional" Mainers go by something other than their legal name, it's ludicrous that this bill is even being introduced. If you've lived in Maine long enough you have undoubtedly meet Peggy's, Dicks, Smokeys, and Bills. Should it be illegal for cis people to use a different name as well? It wasn't about water fountains in the civil rights era and it's not about bathrooms or sports now. Bills such as LD 233, LD 868, LD 1002, LD 1134, LD 1704, LD 1337, LD 1432, and LD 380 are repulsive and just encourage the legalization of hate and bigotry. Anti trans movements mirror the rhetoric and language of late 1920's/early 1930's Germany and should scare us all. Do the right thing and squash this ridiculous bill.