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I am a lifelong resident of Maine. I have grown up seeing kindness and inclusion from the communities I have lived in, and I wish to only see that kindness and inclusion grow, not be restricted. The bills being proposed, including this one to remove consideration of gender identity from the maine human rights act, are destructive to the safety and well being of all Maine residents. If trans people can be questioned for their adherence to gender roles, any one of us can be questioned. We must protect every Maine residents ability to express their gender without fear of recrimination. This bill is harmful to trans lives and I strongly oppose it, as trans people are my friends, my family, my neighbors, and my life is made richer every day by their existence. They deserve protection and safety under the law just as you and I do.