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Hi, I've lived in Maine for about 20 years (I'm 33 and explored other new england states) but one of the things I've valued in my time in maine is the people. Mainers are the friendliest and most helpful bunch in new england by a huge margin. In the past few years I've met and become friends with many trans people living in the portland and Westbrook areas and they're so welcoming. Trans people seem to be the target of specific prejudice in this political climate recently and i think it's very undeserved. Like most mainers they just want the opportunity to live and breath and work and play as their gender whatever that is. I'm also a part of a substance abuse recovery group with many trans people in it and one of the key common factors is how attacked or unaccepted they are by society for reasons many don't seem to understand. I think bills like this are harmful to mainers and harmful to young people growing up in this wonderful state and these bills do not represent the best maine has to offer. Please do not pass these.