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Hon. Anne Carney, Senate Chair
Hon. Amy Kuhn, House Chair
Committee on Judiciary
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LD 1432, *An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act*

Dear Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn:

I am writing in opposition to LD 1432, *An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act*.

Just over twenty years ago, Maine's Legislature amended the Maine Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The measure survived a people's veto referendum, with 55% of voters rejecting the repeal effort. So for two decades, transgender Mainers have been protected from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, educational opportunities, public accommodations, and the extension of credit.

LD 1432 would undo all of that progress and put us back to a time where transgender persons received no protection under state law. This means that the Maine Human Rights Act would no longer prohibit a landlord from refusing to rent to someone because they are transgender. It would no longer stop an employer from firing a person they learn is transgender. And it would not prevent stores, restaurants and other business from refusing to serve transgender customers. All Mainers are entitled to be treated with dignity and respect, and we must not allow anyone to be discriminated against simply because of who they are.

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1432.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron M. Frey".

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