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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Olivia Zubrowski, I'm a resident of Blue Hill, and I'm writing today in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

It takes deep courage to tell the authority figures in ones life—parents, teachers, school administrators—of major shifts and growths in ones life, like gender identity, name, and pronouns. Children are capable authors of their own identities and their changes should be honored. Indeed, informing others in one's life of these changes demonstrates a compassionate invitation to welcome others into this new understanding of self. The individual's own words and actions are all the authority required to respect someone's gender identity.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you!