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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 Erin Anderson and I am writing to oppose all of the anti-trans bills before the committee today, in this case LD 1337.

As a parent to a trans teen I find all anti-trans legislation offensive. Any attempt by the State to subvert the Maine Human Rights Act is an attack on all marginalized people. Scapegoating vulnerable minority populations is weak and cowardly; we can face these social issues head on with thoughtful policies rather than hateful rhetoric. All attempts to police transgender bodies are against the Maine values of bodily autonomy, medical privacy, and personal freedoms of choice. This not only harms trans people but anyone who does not fit a narrow definition of what a man or woman "should" look like.

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