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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee, My name is Tom Rumpf, and I am a resident of Brunswick, Maine, and I am testifying in opposition to LDs 233.868,1002,1134, and 1704. I am a Unitarian Universalist and speak from the strongly held values and beliefs of my faith. We honor and celebrate the full spectrum of gender identity and expression. As UU's we affirm the inherent worthiness and dignity of each person as a core principle. The ability to live ever more authentically as one's true self is central to a lifelong journey towards spiritual fulfillment.

I believe these bills should not become law because they seek to stigmatize an individual's personal search for identity and gender expression. The medical profession overwhelmingly recognizes gender dysphoria as a valid medical condition. These bills treat transgender individuals as somehow unacceptable in polite society, and a threat to women and girls. This is inconsistent with the medical and scientific evidence and violates the dignity of individuals with gender dysphoria.

I urge you to vote "Ought not to pass" on bills 233.868,1002,1134, and 1704. Thank you for your consideration.