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LD 1432

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on LD 1432.

I'm writing today as a queer person and a member of the Religious Society of Friends in opposition to LD 1002. I am proud to live in a state that includes gender identity in our non-discrimination clause. I have a non-binary sibling, to whom this clause offers protection. As a Quaker, I know that each of us are sacred and equally deserving of love and compassion, and that truth is found both by looking inward and through community discernment.

If passed, this legislation would directly harm some of Maine's most vulnerable people. People who are gender nonconforming or transgender are already subject to harassment. Furthermore, this legislation harms all people by encouraging extra scrutiny on them and how they live out their gender.

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.