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My name is Bristol Ivy, and I'm a resident of Bangor, Maine. I am writing today in strong opposition to the preposterous number of anti-trans bills before the committee today. I, as a cisgender woman, am supposedly part of the cohort being protected by these bills; however, the discriminatory and appalling behavior proposed in these bills does nothing but harm to me and my community. The ability for transgender and non-binary youth to express their own joy in their identity is paramount to the safety and well-being of the future of Maine. I have watched so many of my own generation find their true selves as adults after years of pain and suffering in bodies that don't match their souls. If we can spare any future generations that pain by supporting trans and non-binary youth, we should.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the committee. I urge you to vote against these bills for the good of the people of Maine.