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Trans people in Maine and everywhere just want to live their lives. They want to work, play, go to school, buy homes, have families. We should let all Mainers live in peace, free of harassment. Trans people are no more or less likely to break laws. They are far more likely to be harassed, bullied, and attacked.

There is a thoughtful discussion we should have about trans kids in schools playing sports. There are facts, there's research. Let's talk about it calmly and rationally and without hate. Meanwhile, we should never harass students, certainly not publicly. We should keep all Mainers, esp. children, safe. It's that simple. I stand with trans Mainers for equality and human rights and against hate.

There are a number of bills regarding legislation affecting transgender Mainers, being heard today, and my testimony is generally applicable them,