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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to share testimony.

For me, even as a cisgender, heterosexual person the gender binary of our culture is not working for me. I am so grateful for the presence of trans people, reminding us that there are many ways of being.

I feel that so much weight falls on the shoulders of trans people, who cannot hide in being who they are. I support every possible protection for them. I oppose all the bills being considered by your committee today.

The attacks on trans rights are not about protecting women and girls. If we care to protect girls and women, then trans people are not the threat to contend with.

I have no concerns for myself, my daughter, my mother, my friends sharing restrooms, locker rooms, shelters, sports teams, or hospital wards with trans folk.

If cisgender folks sometimes feel uncomfortable with trans people I believe that we can handle the discomfort, and it is probably good for us.

I believe the idea behind these bills is about looking for a group of people to pick on, to set an example of excluding people, in order to make EVERYONE feel at risk if we do not stay in the center of the pack.

My life is enriched by the presence of trans gender folks.

I feel safer when trans gender rights are protected.

Thank you.