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Members of the State and Local Government Committee, my name is Russ Linton and I live in Sullivan. I am writing to express my support for LD 1383.

In a time where empathy has been declared a "weakness" and the rule of law repeatedly eroded by those who claim to be stewards of justice, I believe holding those who trample human rights to account is paramount. Order in the world is quickly retreating. But we must stand strong in support of human dignity.

The law is not and should never be about might makes right. The law is designed to protect society not undermine it. And it should especially guard the rights of those on the margins for to make any exception is to drag us toward the atrocities of the past. Slavery. Genocide. These should be distant aberrations of the global world order, never to be repeated.

Our own country is veering swiftly toward this abyss. People in the trans community feel they are being erased. We have relapsed into racial profiling and thinly veiled re-enactments of turn of the century race riots hidden beneath the guise of law enforcement.

We must reclaim moral clarity. Divesting ourselves, disentangling our fortunes, from those who find these practices acceptable is a necessary first step. Tacit support breeds the same complacency which nurtures this corruption of our moral compass.

For this reason, I implore you to vote, "ought to pass", on LD 1383. Our future depends on it.