

LD1735 – Judiciary Committee

First, let me introduce myself I am Nicky Heart from Parents Rights Maine

Life is about learning and seeing things from different views with an open mind
Sometimes it's truly listening rather than speaking and reacting I agree we need to
learn to set aside our differences, but I also know there is great strength and
accomplishment within those differences.

I have walked a very hard and challenging path in life which has led me to why I am
standing here before you all today I come here as a mother, as a lesbian from the
LGB community, as a 13-year experienced foster parent who provided therapeutic
care, and as a child survivor of the abuses of trusted safe adults.

I was that child that is being marginalized today by all this propaganda being
pushed upon our children

I suffered from gender dysphoria at the age of 7, and by the age of 10, I became that
vulnerable child with learning disabilities, a dysfunctional home, and depression

At the age of 14, I was victimized by a so-called safe adult who was a trusted pillar of
the community by the schools and by my parents I had to survive that trauma alone
and scared for the value of a trusted safe adult no longer existed

Suicidal ideation then led me to the custody of DHS There, you were either one of
the lucky ones who found a good home amongst strangers or not so lucky and were
sexually abused, neglected, or trafficked by the strangers you were placed with
Fortunately, I got lucky and began healing and finding myself.

Not long after, I started attending BAGLY which is Boston Alliance of Gay and
Lesbian Youth. It was amazing to be celebrated, cared for, labeled, and proud. The
words - "We are your family now" were all it took to be blinded by what was yet to
come.

There were predators amongst them who targeted and preyed upon those of us who
came with dysfunctional vulnerable backgrounds. I was easily softened, groomed,
desensitized, exploited, victimized, and trafficked by this Rainbow cult all in the
name of equity and inclusion

If it wasn't for a saving grace who rescued me, teaching me self-acceptance and that it's ok to be gay, I am positively sure I wouldn't be where I am today.

What is happening in our schools and communities should be extremely alarming to all of us. Policies and bills are being introduced and pushed by those who have lost sight of what it truly means to safeguard the most vulnerable and defenseless amongst us - and that is our children.

Scientific data from the CDC showed that Maine is experiencing a severe mental health crisis from the impacts of the pandemic which has placed students at greater disadvantages of vulnerability and even more so for the students who already had faced these challenges.

We did not see our schools prepare for the mental health crisis upon their return back but did observe our schools embracing the over-sexualization of our children and indoctrinating them into a particular Rainbow Trans Cult movement which is just the gateway drug to what's coming.

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We know that providing sexually explicit materials to minors is illegal. We are seeing this overreach of abuse because of a loophole in Maine state law that allows school libraries to contain these materials and provide them to minors. It is obvious that this exemption is being taken advantage of by our school system.

The segregation of our children by their sexuality is starting to create hostile environments of harassment/sexual harassment (and bullying?) within our schools. The pressuring of children to choose a sexual identity that outs children who don't want to identify as such is hurting them and their friendships.