

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF L.D. 537

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Joint Standing Judiciary Committee:

My name is Lucie Bauer. I am a resident of Rockport and I submit these remarks in support of L.D. 537. I am a retired educator and a longtime member of the First Universalist Church in Rockland, a Unitarian Universalist congregation that affirms and promotes justice, equity and compassion in human relations and the inherent worth and dignity of every person. I support the Maine Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network (MUUSAN), which links Maine's twenty-six Unitarian Universalist congregations in working for legislation that embodies those values.

L.D. 537 will protect all Maine minors from doxing. Keeping the children and youth of our state safe from harm is our collective responsibility as adults. Being doxed would have been devastating to any of the youth I have taught. When one minor is doxed, as tragically happened recently, all minors have reason to fear that this form of intimidation could happen to them. We are better than this! The Maine legislature and all Mainers need to send a clear message that we cherish and support all children and youth in our state and will do all that we can to keep them safe from harm.

We need to protect all Maine children and youth. I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on L.D. 537.

Thank you,
Lucie Bauer