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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to address this Committee.

My name is Annie Kiermaier. I am a resident of Rockport and a member of the First Universalist Church in Rockland. I am here in opposition to the bills before the Committee today: 233, 868, 1002, 1134, and 1704.

I am here in support of my niece, Rose, a lovely young trans adult who has faced many struggles because of the hatred and toxicity towards trans people in our society. I am here as a Unitarian Universalist. The heart of my faith is Love. My faith affirms and promotes justice, equity and compassion in human relations and the inherent worth and dignity of every person. I am here as a retired Registered Nurse and Licensed Clinical Social Worker. In my decades of service to Maine families, I worked to promote the health and wellbeing of all including building a society that supports and includes everyone.

Others will speak to the many reasons these bills ought not to pass. For me, most importantly, these bills create an atmosphere of fear, intimidation, confusion and potential bullying for all Maine girls. Any girl who does not meet someone's gender norms could be subject to a genital examination, presentation of a birth certificate, or a DNA test. This is invasive and traumatizing. The fear of that scrutiny will be pervasive.

Guidance for participation in school sports and use of bathrooms is already in good hands with the Maine Principal's Association and others. Thank you for this opportunity. Please vote Out Not to Pass. Thank you.