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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.

We are proud of our Maine Human Rights Act which has been working effectively since 2005. Maine is complying with federal Title IX laws and the Maine Human Rights Act. Until recent months, legislators did not prioritize the need to change the Maine Human Rights Act. Maine cannot bow to arbitrary and punishing pressure from the Executive Branch for this and many other issues. Maine has much bigger problems to address right now. Let's get back to caring for our children and our neighbors. All of them.

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