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I come before you and you ask me to beg for my humanity. I will not. LD 1337 seeks to strip transwoman of even the ability to have emergency shelter fleeing abuse. These soulless people would have it that trans woman have no where to go. That is what they want. They care not about safety, they care not about women, they only care to eradicate transwoman, slowly and punishingly. This bill gives us nowhere to go. In our most desperate moments fleeing violence which we are much likely to face, this bills aims to deprive us of even assistance at rock bottom. It should be no clearer then here that the proponents of these bills would rather we just die. We will not. We will show up here. We will show up for one another. You can try to make it harder and this amendment certainly would but we will always be here. We will always exist. I will repeat that many will make comparisons between our country and nazi Germany. Trans and queer people were among the first to the camps. Every bill like this that denies our humanity creeps us closer to repeating that reality. I ask you will stop this death machine now or will you wait until burning flesh fills you lungs and not just your phones.

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I come before you and you ask me to beg for my humanity. I will not. LD 1432 does nothing but perpetuate more harm. That is the point. We all have talked at length today about gender and sex. We have talked at length about trans people. I hope you all know by now that we are not leaving. We will not go quietly into the night. We will resist our annihilation until every last one of us is dead. Even then the proponents of this bill will have not destroyed us because more of us will be born. We will always exist. Nothing and no one can stop that. You all have a choice. Will you legislate our eradication or will join us in resisting those who would do us harm. None of the bills presented today against my people lead to our liberation, they are designed to eradicate. To kill us with 1000 cuts. We haven't talked about how we can help trans people, how we can build policy that uplifts trans people. No we have spent all day debating whether or not you all think we should be allowed to exist. What a disgusting state of affairs. Act decisively and vote against these pieces of legislation, because regardless of policy we will be here, regardless of policy we will continue to etch out our own lives and seek out autonomy over our own bodies. Vote against LD 1432 or cover your hands in the blood of my people.

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This is the last bill for today. We have talked at length today about trans people and all the horrific ways that legislators in this state have thought of directly targeting trans people or specifically cutting us out of the very little protections we have. Many of the bills have been proposed on the basis of safety for children. This bill is not like those bills. Its funny, many months ago I was speaking with my father, a MAGA republican, about the fear I had going into this administration. How I was worried about my access to healthcare and how people in the republican movement are hellbent on turning trans people into scapegoats so that they can commit atrocities here and abroad while we all focus on bills like this one. How it is an intentional distraction tactic and we are but a sacrificial pawn. A scapegoat if you will. He assured me no such thing would ever occur, that the administration and republicans were only worried about fairness and safety. With LD 380 we see that for the lie that it is. They will not stop. They will try again and again and again. The message is clear eradicate trans people. That is the goal and these blood thirsty freaks will stop at nothing to achieve it. They want us in camps. They want us dead. With so much blood on your hands are you going to choose to add mine to it? When they burn my body in a mass grave then will you conscious have had enough? What amount of death and destruction is necessary to get you to wake and realize what is happening before you? Vote no. Do the bare minimum to slow the rising tide of facism. Do the bare minimum to limit the blood covering your hands. Vote no.