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My name is Beatrice Roseland. I'm a resident of Monmouth. I am here today in opposition of the anti trans bills before the committee today.

I come before you and you ask me to beg for my humanity. I will not. LD 1134 is based on a several hundred year old lie that comes to this land in the heads of colonizers and it has been violently enforced since. The first target of this was indigenous people. Many other people have been subjected since. Today we continue the struggle against that lie. This lie about gender binaries cloaked in the language of science and biology. We have said this many times and will say it many times more until you all understand. Even the western institutions of science and biology disagree with the assumption that is the foundation for LD 1134. Despite this the proponents of this bill would have you believe these institutions support their efforts when they in fact do not. Biological sciences show us that sex is at best a large gradient with people in all sorts of body variations. The gender binary of male and female only exists as a result of the expansive network of systems that maintain it. Many of these are social but some of these are physical. Many peoples first interaction with these systems is if they undergo genital corrective surgeries as a child. These come in all different forms because the body is messy and grows in a variety of ways. Some of these surgeries are functional and some aesthetic. For example foreskin removal. For all the talk about protecting children I never hear the proponents talk about these practices. There are many violent horrors this country subjects children to. Allowing trans kids and specifically transgirls to play sports with their friends is not one of those horrors. In fact bills like this take our time and energy away from the horrific things this country does do. A prime example is you and I paying to manufacture weapons that kill children in gaza. Weapons that enforce a blockade that starve millions of people. This bill is to capture peoples rage and direct it at one another so that they don't recognize the horrific atrocity that is happening while they are distracted. 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.