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Age 21

Resident of Rome, Maine

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**My Testimony 9:30 am**

*(LD 233, LD 868, LD 1002, LD 1134, LD 1704)*

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Kassady Webb. I live in Rome. I am a transgender rural Mainer born and raised, and I am a fourth-year secondary education student at UMF.

I speak before you here today in opposition to the proposed legislation. Said legislation on its face is to keep what some perceive as “biological males”, a term that vastly misrepresents the reality of transgender women and girls (who yes are women and girls), out of spaces designed for women under the justification of “fairness” and “protecting the children”. We have all seen how this has played out before and how it is currently playing out across our country. What stands to be changed here amounts to delegitimizing trans identity by coming after our most vulnerable, those who cannot stand up for themselves. I speak here today for all those who cannot stand up for themselves, those who couldn't be here, and those of us who are no longer here with us.

By targeting a small handful of our community that already only amounts to roughly 1-2% of the state's population, this legislation seeks to delegitimize our entire trans community. By changing current policies on women's spaces even at the high school level, which if anything

protect women and girls including, aptly, trans women and girls, you fundamentally delegitimize all trans people by placing womanhood, an identity that has been created through shared experiences and oppression, in control of the state, forcing it on those who it does not apply to and taking it from those who need it most.

What will happen if this proposed legislation goes into effect is not only what amounts to bullying quite frankly at the hands of the state, but an erosion of other foundational protections for the trans community. The evidence shows that trans people exhibit absolutely no enhanced threat at any age due to their trans identity and that allowing trans students to participate in spaces and events that match their gender identity does nothing but benefit them as developing students.

We are your friends, we are your neighbors, and we want to exist long enough to continue being your friends and neighbors. It is in times like these that we must stand together united and protect our most vulnerable at all costs instead of pushing us out and ostracizing us further.

I thank you all for your time and consideration here today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KADW". The letters are stylized and connected, with a large "K" and "A" at the beginning, followed by "D" and "W".

Kassady Webb