



Christian Civic League of Maine

Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer and members of the Maine Committee on Health and Human Services, I am Mike McClellan, Policy Director for the Christian Civic League of Maine. The Christian Civic League of Maine envisions a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished. We believe a Biblical approach works well in life and including in Maine's governance.

I am here to testify as neither for or against LD 24, An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death. It is always a disadvantage to speak to a bill prior to hearing the sponsor's words and intent. So please excuse any misunderstanding of the intent. Our concern and thus comments focus on the true name's history would state belong on such documents as Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates. I might read into this bill that it suggests that any of the mentioned documents can be adjusted if the true person was not included on the original document and is now available and apparent. That would seem to be a good policy change. Our concern is any change of law that allows for removing a true name and replacing it with a desired name. Taking a biological parent off to add a desired name.

I can't help but think of stories I hear of people seeking to find their birth parents. Removing their names from history would seem to be a disservice. People in these stories are seeking the truth. We would advocate for true and best information on any and all documents.

This one concern is why we are neither for nor against LD24 but wanted to ensure the true direction of the sponsor's intent. Thank you all for your service and God bless you and your families!

Mike