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LD 537

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Caitlin Clark. I am a resident of Rockport and I am testifying in support of LD 537. I believe LD 537 should become law because minors should be protected from doxing, which creates terror and fears for their safety. Doxing is used to create fear and intimidate children and youth who are perceived to be different. This includes trans children. But it can also be used against vulnerable minors whose perceived difference includes things like disability, poverty, immigration status and race. I am the mother of a child who uses "they/them" pronouns and considers themselves to be non-binary. I would be devastated if their participation in sports or other activities was used as a way to harass them and make them fear for their safety. The Maine legislature needs to send a clear message that we cherish and support all children and youth, and will do all we can to keep them safe from harm. I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 537.

Thank you,
Caitlin Clark