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LD 537

To the members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Alyssa Corson, I am a resident of Albion. I have been a social worker for the past 24 years in Central Maine. I am also the parent of a child who happens to be transgender. I am writing in support of LD 537. The events of this past week have been scary both as a social worker trying to reassure parents and friends of safety and my own fear of how safe are we? If we allow a person to put a child's name and face online as a pawn in their political game what kind of people are we? I have been in fear all week for the family that has been outted for their safety both emotionally and physically. The comments we are seeing online are atrocious and show the level of hate in our own community. This leads to me wondering how safe is my own family and child. I wrote to my own state rep about my concerns and never received a response from a man who lives less than 3 miles from my home. Now I wonder even more about my family's safety if someone that is there to supposedly represent me cannot even take a minute to respond to my fear. This bill, which I never thought would need to be in place, apparently needs to be in place so we can ensure the safety and security of all children in our state. Children should never have to live in fear that who they are will be put out to the general public and then cause fear for their safety and lives.