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LD 537

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

My name is Kim Gallagher. I am a resident of Camden and I am testifying in support of LD 537. I submit these remarks as a member of the First Universalist Church in Rockland. Our faith community affirms and promotes justice, equity and compassion in human relations, and the inherent worth and dignity of every person. I support the Maine UU State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN), which links Maine's 26 UU Congregations in working for legislation that embodies those values. I also submit these remarks as a mother and healthcare provider.

I believe that LD 537 should become law because it will prohibit the doxing of minors. Children's personal information should not be knowingly disclosed without their consent when it can cause physical or mental harm or fear for safety. As a mother, I believe that all children deserve this protection to ensure their safety. This is especially important for those youth who are perceived to be different in some way, including trans youth, those with disabilities, immigrants, refugees, and youth of color. My children were adopted from a foreign country and I want them to know that they are safe and they belong in our community.

Please send a clear message that we cherish and support all children and will do everything we can to keep them safe from harm.

Thank you,
Kim