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LD 537

Sample Testimony Template for LD 537

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

My name is Kathleen Glennon (she/her). I am a resident of _Topsham, ME_____ and I am testifying in support of LD 537. I submit these remarks as a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick, ME, a congregation of the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition, which 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 believe LD 537 should become law because

Write a very brief, compelling statement, speak from your heart about what you know, why you care.

Key points you may want to include:

- LD 537 will prohibit the doxing of minors. Doxing means the knowing disclosure of personal information of a person without that person's consent, when that disclosure is intended to cause physical harm, damage or fear for safety.
- This bill will protect all Maine minors from doxing. Our children deserve to be safe. It is our job as Maine adults to keep our children safe.
- The fear of doxing is real for all Maine minors. Minors who learn that a peer has been the victim of doxing may fear that they will be next. So doxing creates fear for all minors.
- Doxing is used to create fear and intimidate children and youth who are perceived to be "different" and should be excluded from society. This includes trans children. Maine has unfortunately experienced a very painful example of doxing of a trans youth recently. But doxing can also be used against vulnerable minors whose perceived "difference" is deemed "less than:" people with disabilities, people who live in poverty, immigrants and refugees, people of color, etc.
- The Maine legislature and all Mainers need 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.

For all these reasons, we need to protect all Maine children and youth. I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 537.

Thank you,
/s/ Kathleen Glennon__ (name)