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LD 537

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Members of the Judiciary Committee,
I am writing in support of LD 537, An Act to Prohibit the Doxing of a Minor and to Authorize a Related Civil Action.

LD 537 confronts an issue that is morally reprehensible, as well as illegal: the use of minors in pursuit of a political agenda. As lawmakers you must be acutely aware of the negative impact behavior such as doxing has on respect for our legislative institutions and by extension to those, such as yourselves, who participate in it.

LD 537 has new relevance with the events of the past week and Senator Libby's flagrant misuse of her position. But this bill is not about transgender athletes. That's a bill and a discussion for another day. Please do not conflate the two. See this bill for what it is: protection of Maine's minors against aggressive, power-seeking individuals who place political gain above the law and above human decency.

As a person of Unitarian Universalist faith, love of neighbor and respect for the worth of every person are guiding principles for all I do, and I expect my elected officials to be guided by them as well. Please vote in support of LD 537 and put an end to this abhorrent practice of doxing minors in Maine.