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Respectfully, I urge this legislature to reject proposed changes to remove protection of gender identity from the Maine Human Rights Act. I have been proud that our governor has stood up to the federal attempts to bully, threaten, and extort Maine and its citizens for holding firm in the assertion that all of our citizens deserve civil rights protections because any specific subset of the population that has their rights removed is inherently and vehemently anti-democratic and puts the rights of all in danger. I vigorously oppose attempts to limit the bodily autonomy, right to self determination, and right to fair and equal protections under the law for ANY Mainer, but especially in this instance where a minority population is being cynically targeted, politized, and used as pawns in a culture war designed specially to distract from the real work of taking care of the Maine people-- ALL of them-- regardless of personal identity factors, particularly in these difficult and turbulent times. Please leave protections for gender identity in the MHRA, as this was included purposefully in the original text as it represents the true Maine spirit of supporting your neighbor's right to live and exist in peace without undue persecution or prejudice. Thank you for your consideration.