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LD 1002

My name is Barbara Arsenault and I am from Mexico, Maine. I am encouraging you to vote against LD 1002. I hope this bill will be defeated and will not be brought up again next session. This bill was brought up last session by my legislator Rep. Tammy Schmiersal Burgess. I know there is a national push for this legislation as it did pass in Florida and a parent stated that each year she has to document to the school it is okay for her daughter Charlotte to be called Charlie. We all know people who prefer nicknames and are called by their middle name instead of their first name. For everyone to fill out forms from the parents in each case is unnecessary and a burden to the school. I am guessing the root of this bill is from a desire for parents to know if their child is transitioning from one sex to another and they should be the first to know. This bill has unintended consequences and should be defeated.

My legislators last session were very outspoken about the length of the session but it is because of bills like this , that are not thought out, that drag the session on . Thank you for your time.