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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee, I extend my thanks for hearing this testimony and the voices of the people regarding such an important matter. My name is Nicholas Bailey, resident of Old Town and proud citizen of the state of Maine. I am voicing my opposition to bill LD 1432.

As an average Maine citizen working retail I have the privilege of knowing and interacting with a multitude of people on a day to day basis. Normal, everyday people who make up the majority population of the state, of these people I interact with daily are a handful of transgender folk. Transgender individuals are subject to harassment on the streets, in homes, at schools, at the workplace, and now from the government of the United States, let us not allow Maine to simply fall in line with clear disregard for our fellow Mainer. This harassment is only stifled at a state level because of protections Maine has already put in place.

This blitz of bills regarding restrictions on transgender individuals rights is fundamentally based on the stripping of rights from Maine citizens. This attempt to remove or change the description of a protected group of people must be seen as an attempt to infringe upon those peoples wellbeing as it directly correlates to how society is allowed to treat them. This has already been established and the protections have been set into place, it leaves us with the question of why remove it? The answer of course is a move to put personal viewpoints over the protection of marginalized groups. To take advantage of the hysteria while opening back up protections which have helped transgender people get jobs, use bathrooms, seek medical care and a host of other necessary day to day activities that are required to function in society. We must stand up for those whose voices are drowned by the louder opposition.

I thank you for the opportunity to share my views and we as concerned people of Maine urge that this bill and those like it do not get passed.