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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee-

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee.

My name is Anne Callender and I am a resident of Portland, and I am writing on behalf of humanity and protecting the most vulnerable.

I am in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

Maine Human's Rights Act does not need to be amended. This political agenda to allow discrimination needs to be shut down. All people should be guaranteed their constitutional rights and to be treated equally under the law. This bill is not fixing a problem, it is creating space for bullying, harassment, and discrimination. Biology is not black or white, there are many colors in the crayon box. As much as some folks want to proclaim there are only two sexes, that's not reality. Maine understands this reality and adopted protections for gender identity in 2005. For the happiness and safety for everyone, we need to keep it that way.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Don't let hate have a home here in Maine.