

Testimony regarding bills LD 1337 and LD 1432

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The following testimony was taken in Chapman Park in Rockland, Maine on May 3, 2025, regarding efforts to stigmatize and penalize transgender people in Maine through bills LD 1337 and LD 1432. The Audacity is submitting this record of testimony to the Maine State Legislature for the first morning hearing in Augusta at the Maine State House on May 8, 2025 regarding these bills.

For questions regarding this testimony or documentation of the explicit consent provided by the people named below to have their testimony transcribed and submitted for the legislative record, please contact James Cook of Camden, founder and facilitator of The Audacity, at [jamescook@audacitycat.com](mailto:jamescook@audacitycat.com).

### **Testimony of Bridget Buck of Rockland**

My name is Bridget Buck, I'm from Rockland Maine, I'm a nurse midwife and I'm here today to oppose LD 1337 and 1432. Human rights are for everybody no matter who they think they are or who they believe they are. We just do not have a right to tell people how they're comfortable or how they're not comfortable. Female athletes, no matter what whether they're trans or whether they're non-trans, have to be allowed to do what their body and their gender identity tells them.

### **Testimony of Judith Soleil**

I am Judith Soleil and I live in Rockland. About LD 1337 and LD1432, I'm very concerned about removing consideration of gender identity from the Maine Human Rights Act. I think it was put into the Human Rights Act for a reason and we've been living with that situation quite successfully for some time. I also think that transgender women will not be safe in

male shelters. It's important that they be allowed to use their gender-identified shelter. Thank you.

### **Testimony of Sydney Hall of Camden**

I am Sydney Hall and I live in Camden, Maine. I'm addressing LD1337 and LD1432. I think everyone should be enjoying human rights as they're entitled to in the law and that these two potential laws are wrong in their basic unAmerican presentation. Thank you.

### **Testimony of Nancy Davis of Owls Head**

My name is Nancy Davis. I live in Owls Head. I am addressing LD1337 and LD1432. I'm just appalled that we would even consider removing consideration of gender identity from the Human Rights Act. There's no reason at all. These are human beings just like you and me. I have dear friends, two transgender women who are friends that I've known forever. I just can't believe that Maine would even consider ridiculous laws like this. Thank you.