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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Ben Daley, I'm a resident of Lewiston, and I am here on my own behalf. I am here today in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

As somebody who is not directly affected by this legislation proposed today, I have to say that I feel alarmed and disappointed that these bills seek to invent problems related to trans people. LD 233, LD 868, LD 1002, LD 1134, and LD 1704 are seeking to hold schools funding hostage to concerns about bathrooms and children's sports, concerns which I feel are motivated by a desire to simply make it harder to be trans in this state. LD 1337, LD 1432 and LD 380 show the full breadth of this agenda to remove human rights from Maine trans people, targeting homeless trans people, and making it harder for young people to access necessary medical care. I stand against these bills that are seeking to target and reduce our collective human rights.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you!