

Testimony in opposition of LD 1432, *An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act*

To: Sen. Martin, Representative Soboleski, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Caitlyn Davidson and I live in Portland, Maine. I am testifying as an ally, and friend to all Trans and gender non-conforming individuals in the State of Maine. I am writing to testify in opposition of LD 1432.

To Whom it does concern, and Governor Janet Mills,

As a resident of Maine I am writing to you in opposition of passing “Bill LD 1432” regarding the removal of the consideration of gender identity as a part of the Maine Human Rights Act.

In passing this bill countless humans in Maine will no longer be protected under the Maine Human Rights Act. This bill will remove all protections granted to Trans and gender non-conforming individuals against unlawful discrimination based solely on the gender in which they identify. In a time of such hatred and bias against these individuals in our country it pains me to see a bill like this in the State of Maine. I have often been proud of the community and strength of this state. A bill like this gives power to discriminate against a minority of humans in this state already under extreme bias from our nation as a whole. I ask that the Judicial Committee present the opposition of this bill in an effort to protect the basic human rights of all the humans that they represent in the State of Maine.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you today for giving me the opportunity to voice my opposition of the passing of “Bill LD 1432”. Sincerely, Caitlyn Davidson

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