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Thank you for considering my written testimony today. I am a married Father of two with no personal stake in this fight, but I am motivated to speak up, because I believe the majority of the Republican party are committed to deliberately misrepresenting the facts on the trans community. They intentionally confuse the justifiable louder modern want for representation, visibility and acceptance, as a dark urge to indoctrinate children and loudly demand "special rights". The only right they are asking for is to be treated equally. Bills like these only seek to make their lives harder and deliver nothing to our community of value for anyone. Trans people have been here far longer than any of us and they're not going anywhere. Republicans don't really care about what happens with kid's sports. Did they before? It's just a cover for their bigotry. If Republicans really wanted to go after perverts and rapists, they'd start with the felon in the White House or the Catholic church. Trump already backed down from Maine over this. Maine Republicans will already go down as the party that will dox children for political points and go the Supreme Court instead of apologizing. It would be less humiliating to just can these bills and keep the egg off your faces.