The Join Standing Judiciary Committee Testimony of Catey Draper, Cape Elizabeth, ME

Against LD 1432

LD 1432: An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act

May 8, 2025

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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Catey Draper, and I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth, ME. I am testifying in opposition to LD 1432.

The act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act will hurt all people. Everyone in our society identifies with a gender identity, even if it is not a traditional definition. The Maine Human Rights Act adopted protections for gender identity in 2005. Changes to Maine law are unnecessary and help no one, regardless of gender.

Respectfully,

Catey Draper Cape Elizabeth, ME