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LD 233

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

My name is Janet Drew. I'm a retired nurse, and I live in York. For efficiency, I write this letter encompassing my opposition to :  
LD 233, 868, 1002, 1134, 1704, 1337, 1432, and 230.

I've rewritten this testimony several times as my deep dismay over the tenor of these bills has spilled over into righteous but generally unhelpful angry words.

I will say that I am disturbed to be spending energy opposing these bills while shelters for our unhoused, already most vulnerable Mainers, are closing. These bills show some skewed and distracting priorities related to justice for Mainers.

These unjust bills violate our constitutionally protected rights to privacy and equal protection under the law. Further I really am appalled at the direction of these bills, toward promulgating cruelty, othering, indignity and hate. Schools need to be inclusive spaces. Educators and mental health professionals agree that singling out kids causes trauma.

From a practical standpoint, these bills are unworkable, and an unconstitutional invasion of privacy. It also seems to show a disgusting and creepy fixation with intensely personal issues .

It's interesting to see that bill supporters used the exact same testimony letter. Conversely, diverse groups and individuals shared personal and professional truths and expertise to oppose these bills.

Please, let's not cause Maine kids and their families to suffer the trauma, indignity and codified cruelty these bills represent, and...

Oppose LD 233, 868, 1002, 1134, 1704, 1337, 1432, and 230.

Thank you