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## *Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton in opposition to*

### **LD 1002 – An Act to Protect Children's Identification by Requiring Public Schools to Use the Name and Gender Specified on a Child's Birth Certificate**

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Rep. Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Frenchboro, Swan's Island, Isle au Haut, and Vinalhaven. As a legislator, I hear from constituents across Maine who identify as transgender or non-binary and are simply asking to live with dignity, safety, and acceptance.

I oppose LD 1002 because it disregards the lived reality of many students and undermines their right to be called by their chosen name and affirmed identity. Forcing school staff to ignore a student's gender identity unless paperwork is presented sends a message of exclusion and mistrust. It harms young people at a time when they need support and understanding the most.

I respectfully urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass.

Thank you,  
Rep. Holly Eaton  
House District 15

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