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LD 1002

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

LD 1002 is foolish idea because it will rule out the use of nicknames. My father was nicknamed "Butch" by a nurse present at his birth in 1940. The name stuck and he was called Butch by his family and friends his entire life. I know a fair number of Mainers who go by nicknames too.

I know, love and respect trans people, including my nephew, neighbors, a past co-worker and others. Trans folks are just regular Mainers, going about their lives, working and paying taxes like the rest of us. Trans people are just people.

This national trend of attacking fellow citizens should worry and concern all of us, especially when it targets children like these bills do. Trans kids are just kids. They deserve support and protection from the community.

It is hateful and harmful to single people out for who they are and to treat them as "other". Let's not allow it in Maine. Please vote ONTP on LD 1002 and all the rest of the bills in front of the committee this morning.

Thank you,  
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