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Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Other Members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary:

As a registered voter, taxpayer and Auburn resident, I'm grateful for the opportunity to voice my absolute disgust for the discriminatory (unconstitutional) legislation proposed in L.D. 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.

This ridiculous bill is an outrageous lie: in no way does it protect children's identities and if enacted will cause harm to students as well as the relationships we hope they will form with schoolmates and teachers. We see L.D. 1002 for what it is --- a disrespectful, hateful document designed to erase transgender students. It's despicable.

I hope you see that L.D. 1002 and the other "related" bills under consideration today were written in response to lies and false alarms by political bullies and hate groups. They seek to create confusion, and divide parents and communities (diverting our attention from the needs and well-being of all people in Maine), with the goal of achieving power, advancing political careers and promoting agendas to reverse the civil rights of women, people of color, LGBTQ people, and others.

"Each and every student in Maine deserves the freedom to be themselves, to be safe, and to feel respected at school." If you honestly want to protect and support all Maine children, I urge you to vote Ought Not To Pass on L.D. 1002.