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

As an Auburn resident, registered voter and taxpayer, I'm grateful for the opportunity to voice my mistrust of the perplexing legislation proposed by L.D. 1432: An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act.

Merriam Webster defines gender identity as "a person's internal sense of being male, female, some combination of male and female, or neither male nor female."

So WHY would we want to remove the references to gender identity as a protected class that we voted for almost 20 years ago? Is this another attempt to deny human rights to transgender and queer people in Maine? But wait. Our MHRA already prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and/or sexual orientation. So again, what's the problem with keeping gender identity?

Is it possible that this bill's sponsors were motivated by bullying attempts made to Governor Mills last February at the White House? We all know how that went. Caving in to bullies, when Maine is on the right side of state and federal law, is never in the best interests of the people in Maine.

If you're someone who stands against federal overreach, and stands for civil rights in Maine, I urge you to vote Ought NOT to pass on L.D. 1432.