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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Karen Hindall, I'm a resident of Cape Elizabeth. I am writing today in opposition of bills LD233, LD 868, LD 1002, LD 1134, LD 1704, LD 1337, LD 1432, and LD 380.

I'm the parent of a trans child. I also work in one of our area high schools. Every day I see how anti-trans rhetoric causes unnecessary fear and anxiety for trans people. The bills in front of the Committee today are rooted in fear, not fact. They are meant to scare, discriminate, and make an already vulnerable population feel less-than and othered.

I believe that all of these bills interfere with the civil rights, privacy, and well being of everybody, regardless of gender identity. While I am concerned with many pieces of these bills, one in particular stands out. How will girls wanting to participate in sports or use facilities be expected to prove they are girls? Will they need to strip and show body parts? The implication that invasive gender checks can be called for is not okay or safe for anyone. That type of requirement only leaves all girls vulnerable to anyone scrutinizing who they are.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you!