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My name is Elizabeth Johnson and I live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine with my wife and our one year old daughter, Emma.

I come to you today with a deep ask as a mom, and fellow Mainer, for you to vote no on the bills that are being presented to your committee today.

It breaks my heart that the trans children in our state are being met with such hatred and punishment just for being who they are. We should be celebrating their courage to live their truth versus making it hard, if not impossible, for them to play sports, use locker rooms and restrooms - and just be kids.

Maine has always been a beacon of inclusivity and acceptance for the LGBTQ community. My wife and I are so grateful and proud to live here, in the eighth state to legalize same sex marriage, not to mention a state that early on enacted protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

In order for our beautiful state to continue to be a place of deep integrity and justice, these bills ought not to pass.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share in this way, as I'm home with a one year old right now and she can't quite make the car ride to Augusta.

Thank you for voting for all the children of Maine, especially our remarkable trans children, so that they know loud and proud that the leaders here in Maine stand for their authenticity and the freedom to be who they are.

May the children of Maine, and their families, be welcomed, held and supported in the places and spaces they will spend the days of their youth.

I ask that you vote 'ought not to pass' on these bills.

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