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LD 1704

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony. My name is Renee Kramer and I am a resident of New Gloucester. I am writing in opposition of LD 1704.

As a parent, I know many youth, some of whom are non-binary and transgender. These children are afraid as their very existence has become a political pawn. I worry about the impact this bill and the other discriminatory bills, if passed, will have on their well-being, mental health and safety.

If we start restricting rights and enforcing invasive bans, we leave some of our most vulnerable children subject to an increased risk of harassment, discrimination and bullying. Please stop this bill and the perpetuation of hate and discrimination towards our state's most vulnerable youth.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to pass" on this bill. Thank you!