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LD 1002

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Maine Legislative Judiciary Committee, I am Mike McClellan and I live in Raymond, Maine. I am a former Maine State Rep. (125th -127th) and I am writing as I am away when you meet on this bill. I am fully in support of LD 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 would appear to be a parental rights issue, of course the parents should sign off on any change the student has in their name. I believe some issues are so clear, it is an incredible time we live in that someone needs to put a piece of legislation in to suggest to our elected leaders this is the correct action. There are so many examples of limits on youth until an "adult" age, someone at 10 or 21 can change their name and perhaps they have enough life knowledge to understand the consequences. A youth doing this at age 13 because a friend did is not acceptable.

I would ask that you as Maine leaders use this Public Hearing to clearly state that Maine is operated by people with common sense, people who care about the state and not a political agenda.

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