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To: Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee.”

My name is Sharon McDonnell. I am a physician and I live in Yarmouth Maine.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation. I am writing to you today in opposition of the bills before the committee. ”

Surely you or your friends had dearly-held nicknames in childhood, right? Legislating names is absurd.

These bills are simply mean-spirited and offer no “protections” from any real harm.

There may be a vocal group advocating in the media about the threats posed by Gay and Trans people but for most of us, we are dumbfounded. I assure you no good will come from efforts to legislate or control these issues.

Changes to Maine law are unnecessary, and help no one. There is a lot of nuance that will never be wisely navigated by state legislation.

Let us not get swept up in the fury of national fads about this.

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!”