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LD 1002

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Carney McRae. I am a resident of Rockland and I am testifying in opposition to LD 1002. As a Director of Religious Exploration for two Unitarian Universalist congregations, I work with all ages to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations and the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

I believe this LD should NOT become law because it does not honor a child who just wants to be their true self. I have worked with many children who have changed their names to reflect their gender identity. They are not harming others. They are happy. And, as adults, we are respecting their wishes to be their authentic selves. What a powerful message. Laws that ban them from being their authentic self only increases bullying and trauma. Children should not have to fear being themselves.

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1002.

Thank you.

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