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LD 1704

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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Kim Michel, I'm a resident of Waldoboro testifying in opposition to LD1704. Students need to use the restroom when they're at school, and discriminating against certain students and policing the sex and gender of Maine students would be a violation of privacy. Such a bill feeds into harmful, discriminatory and bigoted mischaracterizations of trans and gender non-conforming students.

In order to enforce such a bill, Maine students could be subject to invasive processes to prove their sex or gender in order to use the restroom at school, a basic human need. This bill, if passed, would violate the privacy of all students, Please keep Maine schools inclusive and safe for all students by voting "ought not to pass" on LD 1704. Thank you.