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LD 1432

My name is Dr. Nicholas Micinski and I'm an assistant professor of political science at the University of Maine.

I'm testifying today about the Bill LD 1432: An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act.

I am an expert on international law, human rights, migration, and authoritarianism and have published two academic books along with many other scholarly publications and articles on the subject.

The Maine Human Rights Act is an essential law that affirms equal protection of all Mainers to their rights, safety and welfare. Removing gender identity from the Human Rights Act would make trans people vulnerable to discrimination in all areas of their lives, including education, employment, housing, and healthcare.

Maine should be affirming our commitment to equal protection and non-discrimination in all areas of our beautiful state.