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

I am grateful for the opportunity to offer my testimony to the Committee. My name is Jamie Moore and my pronouns are she/her. I am a registered voter in Portland, and I offer my testimony as a social worker and as a member of Luke's Garden (LGBTQIA+ group) at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke. I am in opposition to the bills before the Committee today.

As a social worker, it is my duty and passion to improve the well-being of my community. As a Christian, I deeply believe that I am called to love all of my neighbors and to treat every human being with respect and dignity. The Maine Human Rights Act embodies both of these aspects of my identity. It acknowledges that certain groups of people have historically been, and currently are, discriminated against, and it protects the human rights and dignity of all Mainers, including our transgender friends and neighbors.

I have friends and colleagues who are transgender. On a national level, they are afraid to travel, they are being told they cannot serve in the military, and their historical and current contributions to society, along with their transgender identities, are literally being erased. This is intolerable. Maine does better. We have been safeguarding these rights for 20 years, and now is not the time (nor is it ever the time) to strip safeguards to these rights from the Maine Human Rights Act. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought Not To Pass" on this bill.

Thank you,
Jamie Moore