

To Members of the Judiciary Committee of the Maine State Government  
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Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I am opposed to LD 1432, "An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act," but also and including LD 1337 ("An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female Athletes and Safety in Women's Single-sex Shelters") and LD 380 ("An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Gender-affirming Health Care Services").

My name is Kathryn Morin, I'm an undergraduate at the University of Southern Maine and a resident of Gorham. I have lived in Maine for over half my life, it is my home, and I deeply love our people.

These bills undermine not only transgender people, but ultimately Mainers themselves. I am not trans, yet I can see that this divide between trans people and non-trans people is illusory, and only means to sow hatred and split communities. As I'm sure you've heard from other people who oppose these bills, this bigotry towards transgender people is statistically and practically unfounded. To target such an extreme minority of the population with so much surveillance and ridicule is frankly a waste of taxpayer dollars and our time.

These bills ultimately aim to legislate the humanity we give to each other: they try to exclude a demographic from the state human rights law, decide who gets access to women's spaces, and what medical care a hyper specific demographic of minors can receive. These bills all aim to shove their way into private, sensitive spaces that require case-by-case management, or explicitly violates the rights of a marginalized demographic.

Since this legislative session has started, our federal government has turned its sights onto our home. It is threatening and targeting our elected officials, our veterans, our farmers, our very sovereignty as a state, and more. We do not have time to bicker amongst ourselves over what each other can or can't do; we must meet these existential threats together, we will be stronger for it.

At the end of the day, trans people are still our people. It is an insult to our democracy to give trans people laws they have to follow, while others do not. Please, vote in opposition to these bills, and those like them in the future.

Thank you for your time,  
Kathryn Morin, Gorham resident