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LD 1432

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

I am writing in opposition to bill LD 1432. This bill removes the wording gender identity from the ME Human Rights Act but makes no indication of why this removal is necessitated. This potentially removes protections for individuals who don't conform to society's expectations. Maine has always been welcoming in part because of a comprehensive statement on human rights and a zero tolerance for discrimination. The inclusion of the wording gender identity does not place an undue burden on the people or businesses of Maine and removal of gender identity opens up a marginalized group of people to discrimination and hate.

On bill LD 1432 I urge you to vote 'Ought not to Pass'. Thank you!