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

I am writing you today in opposition to LD 868. As a non-binary person, I am deeply troubled by the effect this bill would have on young people. This bill is reactionary, and simply rides on the coattails of a fabricated national panic that serves to distract from the real issues facing the country.

I know many families with transgender children. These kids are doing what all children must do: find their space in the world. A large part of finding that space is understanding their own gender and how that fits in with the greater world. I was given the privilege to engage with this process without pressure to conform to one gender and Maine's children should be given that as well.

I appreciate the work that the committee does. Please vote "ought not to pass" on this and all the other bills under consideration today.