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Greetings Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to share my testimony with you.

My name is Kara Potter and I'm sharing my hopes that you'll vote against letting this bill, LD 1432: An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act

This bill would remove all references to "gender identity" as a protected class in the Maine Human Rights Act. It seems to me that proposing this type of legislation in this particular moment, when things have been settled for 20 years, is capitulating to federal overreach.

States have rights. And I'm asking you to exercise Maine's right as a state to continue to protect each and every Mainer's civil rights.

Rolling back the Maine Human Rights Act could open us all up to further attacks on our civil rights at the hands of the federal government as is happening currently. This not something we should be considering at this time. I hope you'll let LD 1432 die in committee by voting "Ought Not to Pass".

Thank you for your time.