

Mary Royal
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LD 1432

Good Afternoon Members of the Judiciary Committee,

As a retired elementary school counselor I am writing in opposition to LD 1432. It is important for all Maine citizens no matter the age to be able to identify in a way that supports how they want to Be in the world. No one else should ever have the power and authority to impose any restrictions on that fundamental truth. I worked with very young children who wanted to express themselves in a way that ran counter to social convention. They were happiest and better able to learn when they were supported. To remove gender identity from Maine's Human Right Act would be discriminatory and send the wrong message to our children and youth. Maine should never discriminate based on gender identity. It is unfathomable to me that anyone could think that was acceptable. Please vote Ought Not To Pass on this very mentally unbalanced attempt to exert control over an individual's self-expression. Thank You, Mary Anne Royal,
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