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Trans people are human and therefore trans rights are human rights. Unfortunately, history shows that minority groups are often discriminated against and that enumeration of human rights for ALL kinds of humans is necessary to create a fair and just society. Trans people are one such class that has been subject to historic and contemporary discrimination. Because of the insidious nature of discrimination, anti-discrimination laws and statutes require language that is accurate and precise. Gender identity is a protected class within Maine, enumerated specifically to prevent discrimination attempted on the principle of omission, e.g. discrimination not explicitly prohibited must be allowed. Removing gender identity from the Maine Human Rights Act is an open doorway to exactly this type of discrimination.

Leave gender identity in the Maine Human Rights Act. Trans Mainers deserve the same rights as all other Mainers.