

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
State House
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Testimony against of LD 1002 “An Act to Protect Children's Identification by Requiring Public Schools to Use the Name and Gender Specified on a Child's Birth Certificate”

Good morning Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Jilly Scott-Lewis and I am a sophomore at Bates College in Lewiston. I am writing against LD 1002.

In the current day, there are many people that use names different then the one assigned to them on their birth certificate. While this legislation will be most harmful to transgender people, it will also affect many others. I go by a nickname that is different from the one on my birth certificate. Even if I would not be personally affected by being called a different name, many people would be. Names may be associated with a bad time in someone’s life or a harmful event, and people deserve the right to choose what name they want to be called. Especially for trans people, it is important to respect these people’s identities. My twin is trans, and I know the dysmorphia and uncomfortability that they feel when someone does not respect their pronouns. To protect these people and allow everyone more comfort, I do not think that this bill should be moved forward.

I urge you to please vote LD 1002 “Ought not to Pass.” Thank you for your time and consideration.

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