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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is River Weinstock I'm a resident of Starks. I am writing in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

Removing gender identity from the Maine Human Rights act is a step towards erasing the identities of trans people and engaging in genocidal practices. Trans people have been treated as a political scapegoat for years despite harming no one. This bill is a blatant violation of the constitution and sex-based discrimination. Every year, trans people are discriminated against, physically harmed, and assaulted as a result of policies like this. No one is harmed by the existence of trans people, but the world is made a much smaller, narrow-minded place without them.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you.