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LD 1002

I, Holly Williams, a resident of Levant, am submitting testimony AGAINST 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

As a parent of a queer son, I know that if this bill is enacted, it will hurt Maine students.

Tell me, why does this even matter? Why does it matter that a trans boy wants to be called Matt instead of Missy? What about Erin instead of Aaron? How about Peggy instead of Margaret? Would you be ok with that one? It doesn't matter if a child identifies as a different gender than what is on their birth certificate. Honestly, it is none of your business. You do realize that this is very much like wanting to know what race is listed on their birth certificate, right? Will that be next? Is the state of Maine really going to go down this road?

This is asinine. How about you start dealing with the issues of your constituents like food insecurity, lack of housing, and substance use problems? Stop wasting our time. Please don't vote for this. Please start thinking about the students and their safety and well being. This bill helps absolutely no one.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to pass" on this bill. Thank you.