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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee, My name is Meredith Bruskin from Swanville, and I am a retired FNP. I am opposed to this act simply because it harms our youth and children---we do not need one more divisive and vindictive regulation that risks harm to any of our students, because that actually harms them all. Any curtailment of the civil rights guaranteed to all in Maine's Human Rights Act would be a tragic mistake. I have cared for so many teens who are trying to find their way through the difficult years of puberty--Trans youth are only 1.6 % of our students, and yet the bullying, threats, mental health assaults, increased suicide attempts resulting from the kind of confrontation this act would result in, is immeasurable. And I think you must realise that this legislation is built out of fear and bias fuelled by one out of state billionaire. Please be the adults in the room. Oppose this act for the sake of Maine's young people, be an example of kindness, so missing from our public discourse these days. Thank you very much for your attention. Meredith Bruskin, FNP