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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is John Howard and I am a resident of Lisbon, Maine. I am opposed to the proposed ballot measure LD 2239. This proposal was funded entirely by one out-of-state billionaire and is poorly written, forcing our schools to divert limited resources from more worthy actions.

Years ago in college I learned in a science course that sex assignment at birth is, in some cases, a complete guess – not the obvious binary that we are led to believe. And I have known families with children who made it very clear at an early age that they knew who they were. To witness this confident blossoming is something I wish everyone in Maine could see.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee.

Sincerely, John Howard