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LD 2239

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

My name is James Pease and I am a clinical social worker employed by MSAD 11. I live in and have two children in the district and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ballot measure LD 2239.

As written, this proposed ballot measure is an extreme blanket ban that does not fit in with Maine communities and would cause more chaos and conflict than it would resolve. This population continues to be the target of ongoing hate and vitriol and must be protected rather than further ostracized. We as Mainers should not be entertaining something entirely funded by an out of state billionaire who knows nothing about our state, it's people or it's way of life.

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

Sincerely,

James M. Pease, LCSW