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

My name is Misty Yates, I am a resident of West Paris, and I am opposed to the Anti-Trans Ballot Measure, LD 2239.

The influx of out-of-state money to influence the Maine way of life and the November 2026 election is shameful. Mainers do not appreciate this manipulation. We make up our own minds about what is best for our families, children, and in our schools. In this case, that is to oppose this harmful ballot initiative.

This measure will cause students to be ostracized for being who they are and will cause chaos in our schools. It will result in schools violating the Maine Human Rights Act, opening them up for liability. If this ballot measure passes, schools will be forced to spend funds they don't have on legal cases, and unnecessary renovations to schools. All Mainers, and especially our youngest Mainers, deserve safety, dignity, inclusion, the right to be who they are, and to opportunity to participate fully in school.

Thank you for reading my testimony, and for keeping the welfare of ALL Maine children in mind as you participate in this hearing. Our kids deserve your opposition to LD 2239.

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