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Re: Support for HB 6599: An Act Concerning Discrimination

My name is Summer Stone. I'm a resident of New Haven. I am here to add my voice in support of HB 6599: An Act Concerning Discrimination.

All people have the right to live their lives in the way that is true to who they are without the fear of being harassed, fired from jobs or the fear of losing their home or being denied credit so that they may reach their highest potential and so that they can be fully participating members of society.

Although I do not identify as transgendered, I have been an unfortunate witness to the discrimination that falls on those not yet protected by their state. I stand here in FULL support of HB 6599: An Act Concerning Discrimination because I will continue to stand by my dear friends, acquaintances and my community.

As a woman and a lesbian, I know what it is like to live without legal protections. Because I am fortunate to live in Connecticut, I also know the security and peace of mind that comes from living in a state that put laws in place to protect me. It is time that Connecticut does the same for its transgendered citizens.

This bill will clarify Connecticut's commitment to treat all of its citizens equally under the law.

This is not a matter of special rights, but rather, equal protections.

Thank you for your time and attention today,



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