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They continue to come...

“THANK YOU Maine DOE for supporting the LGBTQ+ youth in schools. It is imperative that we all stand together to protect ALL children and people, and sadly the transgender community is experiencing an incredible amount of hate and discrimination. Thank you for stating your support publicly. I know that is not easy and I am sure there are a lot of emails and calls telling you to back down. I urge you to continue to resist, to do what is right - which is to see all people as humans who deserve respect, dignity and to know they have value in our society. It gives many of us hope to know that there are some organizations like the Maine DOE that are not bending to fear and illegal coercion; who will continue to provide a safe place for youth living in the margins. Thank you, thank you, thank you – [REDACTED]”

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