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Meira Droznah, also known as Christine Leonard, my legal name. I sang Karaoke once, actually twice. The second time was here in Rutland, Vermont, where I've sought refuge since October, so far, so good. Ummm, The first time...well, wait...the second time, yah, I admit, it was Karaoke on Ice, at the rink, and um, yah, that's all I'll say I'll say about that. (Laughs.) Umm, I made friends, I think. (Pause.) Anyways, the first time, was in New Hampshire, at the American Legion, in Claremont (where I'm a member) and for that time, for my debut, of Karaoke, I chose Leonard Cohen, and I chose a song I've sung before with friends in Maine. My friends live off-grid, about a mile in the woods, annnnnnnnd, uh, that's a good place for me to practice singing. and, the song was, "Bird on a Wire." And that's a song I can sing sincerely because it ends with "I have tried, in my way, to be free." And, uh, that line, the last line, it's super-important of course it's the last line so it's emphasized and if you took (majored in) Comparative Literature like me, you'd you'd have learned that in school....but, yep, you probably knew it anyway.

Ummmm, but, let's back up to the second-to-last stanza, the one that says "The beggar, on his crutch, says, 'You must not ask for so much.' You MUST not ask for so much. "And, a pretty woman, leaning, in her darkened door..." (speaker gestures while standing in an exit doorway that's not very darkened) hey, this is the best I can do, I'm in a public workspace...uh, "She cried out to me, HEY! Why not ask for more?" Why not. Ask for more. And here's my ask for Proposition 4.

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Past, present or implied future...

Thoughts and expressions of free speech

Political affiliation (or lack of)

Marital status

Religious identity

Health status (including terminally ill)

Genetics (i.e. test tube baby, product of incest or parent of a product of incest, whatever generation...)

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Employment status

Military status

Schooling status of self or family (i.e. homeschool, enrolled at an Ivy or online, technical, Yeshiva, etc.)

Housing status, including unhoused or marginally housed or untraditionally housed

Criminal status if convicted outside of Vermont for a crime not criminal in Vermont OR that has been de-criminalized, and criminal status if time has been served

Charged with a crime notwithstanding restrictions of bail (if any) and not yet tried or convicted

Discrimination based on personal or familial or neighborly/community or professional/business-related or civic, marketplace employment-based etc. affiliation with anyone in these categories

Discrimination based on hearsay, misappropriation, slander, malicious gossip, Artificial Intelligence identify theft, alteration of personal online content, etc. that has not been officially vetted and verified and would be subject to prosecution or penalties under Vermont or Federal law

Discrimination based on having a family member or former family member or partner, housemate, member of the same organization etc. whose actions or speech are antisocial or questionable.

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