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Dear people,

welcome to Hamburg, the most beautiful city in the world.

I am partly happy and proud that the Bi+Pride takes place here in Hamburg being the second Bi+Pride. And this one also takes place in my constituency and I don't want to make a murderer's pit out of my heart, though, when I say that I experienced something else last week. When I was in Belgrade at EuroPride, an event where the queer community has been intimidated; a dark event. 4000 police officers who were more intimidating than watching out for us. A lot of people who were actually beaten up afterwards as well, when the police were gone and that just shows very clearly that there is still so infinitely much to do in our Europe. And that we celebrate this Bi+Pride here and thus also show visibility and thus also the claim to be noticed. This is not only a privilege, but every time also a challenge, a signal that should go to Europe from here.

But the events are also important for another reason. Just now at the Gänsemarkt I heard the speech of the LSVD. And they have demanded a lot and there are a lot of things where we are in the process of implementing them. I am infinitely grateful that our Federal Minister of the Interior, Nancy Faeser, has actually quite silently abolished this unspeakable discretion requirement. And there are still so many things to come. We want to create it in the next six months. And that also concerns the Bi+ community that this unspeakable blood donation prohibition of men who have sex with men is finally abolished. And I also have to say this very clearly. We have a lot of private medical practices here. If the German Medical Association does not do that, then we will force them to do it, and we will do it with a law.

I was at various Pride events and I also experienced in Cologne that a CDU Minister President Wüst stands there and says we now have to change Article 3. And we have three points where we want to change Article 3. We want to finally delete the word "race" from our Basic Law. We want to finally include children's rights in our Basic Law. And we want to include sexual and gender identity. And Mr. Wüst and dear colleagues we will judge you by how you vote in the German Parliament. Because what is not possible is to make speeches here at such events and to do the opposite in the Parliament.

And there are also infinite points that you all know too. We talk about the abolition that must actually come immediately to this inhuman transsexual law that finally becomes a right of self-determination. We are on the National Action Plan and honestly here in the big city we have counseling institutions. But it cannot be that if I belong to the queer community that I have to move to a big city. I have to nevertheless raise the requirement also in my homeland, in my village so that I am able to live. And if the people there can't do anything with it, then the fault lies with the people who are doing something there, and that's why it's so important that this freedom that we enjoy in the big cities is also carried to the countryside.

Another point is the PrEp. For some reason, which is not apparent, it was limited in time. At the end of the year PrEp is no longer outside the budget of the doctors. This is also not a

problem in the big cities. But it would mean that in medium-sized cities, in rural communities, PrEp would no longer be prescribed because the doctors simply could no longer afford it. They can't.

I could go on for another half hour with the challenges.

My request is, please continue with these events. Kick us politicians in the butt again and again if it is not fast enough. Challenge us but be proud, be confident and one more thing. Party is always important. But what is also important: first pride was a riot. And we should not forget that. So happy pride.