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Hello and woo-woo dear ones.

I'm Metus, I'm from Rendsburg in Schleswig-Holstein, I'm from the Puppys Schleswig-Holstein, one of the speakers of the Rainbow Group Rendsburg and a founding member of Queer Lighthouse ev.

I am an activist, and organizer, and I personally love the diversity of the WHOLE queer community.

With great enthusiasm I always try to be there for people, especially for those who have no one else.

To be able to speak to you here today in Hamburg is a special pleasure for me.

As a puppy and queer activist, I am confronted with prejudice and discrimination almost every day.

With the rising pressure from the right and the increase in queer-hostile attitudes, I assume that far too many of you have also had to experience something like this.

Unfortunately, I also see more and more that members of our queer community are not uninvolved.

I cannot and will not accept this, we are demonstrating today and on many other days for rights, for human rights, for visibility and freedom.

We are ONE community and in the current political situation it is even more important than ever that we all stick together.

Whether you are queer yourself, a relative or even a supporter. This is about self-determination.

It's about being able to decide for yourself what clothes you wear, or what hairstyle, it's about choosing your own appearance.

And that goes beyond the law, self-determination should accompany every single person through everyday life.

As a puppy, I, like many other queer people, am often discriminated against, but not everyone can take off their mask as easily as I can.

We can't rest on what we've achieved so far, because not only has hostility towards queer people increased significantly, but the propensity for violence has also risen.

We have to keep in mind what we are fighting for. Please embrace those who cannot protect themselves so that these people, who would otherwise become targets, can also thrive.

Thank you.