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LD 1412

Maine is not the first state that is trying to pass this amendment LD 1421, so please look at the conversations that has occurred in other states like Nevada, i would urge you not to pass this bill.

This bill (LD1412) opens the door to government-mandated discrimination, inequality, and coercion. As discussed below, it would hurt women, religious organizations and schools, medical professionals, and could even mandate that taxpayers pay for others to receive abortions. ... By enshrining 'gender identity' in the state constitution, it would mandate that men who self-identify as women be allowed to compete for spots on female sports teams, women's scholarships, and other academic and sports-related opportunities specifically for women. it would deny state financial aid to students at faith-based colleges and universities unless they abandon policies and practices reflecting their sincerely held beliefs about marriage and sexuality."

"Courts in New Mexico and Connecticut have used state Equal Rights Amendments laws similar to the language in this bill to overturn state laws prohibiting taxpayer funding of abortion on the grounds that to not fund abortion is sex discrimination. The rationale is that since abortion is a medical procedure sought only by women, laws treating abortion differently from other medical procedures is a form of sex discrimination. The same rationale will be used to expand and protect abortion".

This bill will create inequality and confusion and will eliminate protections and benefits women currently enjoy."