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I coach middle school and high school nordic skiers, including trans identifying athletes, at the Gray - New Gloucester High School and Middle School. I want to emphasize that kids are kids and they are vulnerable. Whatever a person's politics, whatever their philosophical position on sex, gender, or trans identifying individuals participation in sports, it is without a doubt true that there are some dangerously deluded individuals who believe violence is justified in trying to decide these issues. It is not. Privacy is the only protection our society - our state - can offer children to protect them. Privacy is a profound personal right, a right states exist in the first instance to protect: and minors more than most need that right protected. Publicizing the identify of a child is not speech, and by no means is it protected speech: you can say whatever you want without making a person's identity known to the world. Do not let tragedy become the reason we act. Act now to protect minors from political violence by protecting their identity by the anti-doxing law.