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LD 260

I am a Maine resident and I am opposed to LD 260.

This bill would make 'gender identity' a protected characteristic in the Maine Constitution, and that would be a great detriment to the rights of women. There are real conflicts between women's rights and the demands of transgender activists.

If our Constitution labels it 'discrimination' not to accept everyone's self-chosen identity as legal fact, physically intact male rapists will have to be housed in women's prisons if they say they feel like women. What about the safety of incarcerated women?

What about women in emergency shelters or rape crisis groups, who need female-only spaces to deal with trauma? Or girls changing for swim class at the public pool who don't want men getting naked beside them in the locker room?

Many of the men who now demand access to women's spaces don't even attempt to present as female; they simply say they're 'nonbinary' or 'gender nonconforming transwomen'. Women and girls should have the right to body privacy from all male strangers, no matter how they identify.

This bill would eliminate female students' right to fair competition in sports, which are played with bodies, not identities. We all know that male puberty brings with it huge advantages in speed and strength. Why should girls have to lose out on the chance to excel in athletics because some boys claim a female identity?

Whenever the public is polled, the majority of people (regardless of political party) say that males should not be permitted to identify into female spaces and sports. Most Mainers do not want our Constitution changed to strip rights away from half of the population.

Please vote NO on LD 260. Thank you.