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Dear State of Maine,

I oppose the Amendment proposed today. It does not consider the rights of women and girls who live in Maine. It does not recognize the very real distinctions between male and female, men and women, boys and girls. It does not comport with what 80% of American people believe - that the rights of women need to be protected. Not as special class, but a separate one. One that lawmakers have protected for decades. A category that should be protected as a separate, individual and sex-based.

This amendment says men (however they identify) will be granted full access to exist in this category. That means access to prisons. Rape shelters. Locker rooms and of course sports. The list continues.

A hard line needs to be drawn. I support the people who are brave and stand with women and girls to say no more. And those who believe that women and girls need to be protected. And those who won't bow to the pressure of gender ideology that denies the reality we all know and recognize.