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LD 233

I strongly oppose LD 233, which would prohibit transgender girls from participating in school athletic activities designated for females. Maine's athletic associations already have thoughtful policies in place to ensure fair competition while respecting the dignity of all student athletes. This bill creates a solution to a non-existent problem while causing real harm to transgender youth who already face significant challenges. All students deserve to experience the physical, social, and emotional benefits of sports participation. Excluding transgender girls from female sports teams undermines their mental health and wellbeing, and sends a message that they don't belong. I urge you to reject LD 233 and instead support inclusive policies that allow all Maine students to participate fully in school activities regardless of gender identity.