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LD 868

I strongly oppose LD 868. Despite its misleading title claiming to "ensure equity and safety," this bill would in fact create discriminatory barriers for transgender students across Maine's educational institutions. Trans students already face heightened risks of harassment and bullying, and restricting their access to appropriate facilities would only exacerbate these challenges. Maine schools have successfully implemented inclusive policies that respect all students' dignity while maintaining safety. This bill attempts to solve a non-existent problem while causing real harm to vulnerable young people. Research consistently shows that inclusive policies benefit all students by fostering respect and understanding. I urge you to reject LD 868 and support policies that truly promote equity by allowing all Maine students to participate fully in school life with dignity and respect.