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LD 1134

I strongly oppose LD 1134. This bill uses discriminatory language that misrepresents transgender women and girls by incorrectly labeling them as "males." Maine's existing policies already effectively balance inclusion and fairness in sports and facility access. Transgender individuals deserve the same opportunities to participate in activities and use facilities that align with their gender identity. The bill falsely frames its purpose as protection when in reality it would exclude and stigmatize an already vulnerable population. Sports organizations and schools have successfully implemented inclusive policies without the problems this legislation suggests exist. Research shows that inclusive policies benefit all community members by fostering respect and understanding. I urge you to reject LD 1134 and support Maine's commitment to equal rights and dignity for all people, regardless of gender identity.