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LD 1704

I strongly oppose LD 1704. This bill uses problematic language about "opposite sex" that fundamentally misunderstands gender identity and would prohibit schools from implementing inclusive bathroom policies that support transgender students. Maine schools have successfully managed bathroom access for years without incident, balancing privacy concerns with the need to provide safe facilities for all students. Transgender students already face higher rates of harassment and avoiding restrooms altogether, which leads to health issues and missed educational opportunities. This bill creates a solution to a non-existent problem while causing real harm to vulnerable students. Local school districts should maintain the flexibility to create policies that best serve their specific communities and student populations. I urge you to reject LD 1704 and support policies that ensure all Maine students can access education in dignity and safety.