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RE: LD868 – An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary School

My name is Douglass Moore, and I live in Sabattus. I am testifying in opposition to LD868.

Hello, and thank you for letting me testify today. I'm here to oppose this bill — which, at first glance, sounds like it's about "fairness" and "privacy," but is actually the legislative equivalent of yelling "THERE ARE ONLY TWO GENDERS" into a Cracker Barrel placemat.

Let's talk about what this bill actually does. It requires all school sports, bathrooms, locker rooms, and even sleeping arrangements to be segregated strictly by "biological sex," and gives *anyone* who's upset about that the right to sue. That's right: this bill turns the simple act of letting a kid use the bathroom into a *lawsuit generator*. It's less "school policy" and more "Judge Judy, Gym Class Edition."

Now, the bill defines "female" as someone who has, had, or *would have* the reproductive system that *at some point* produces eggs — unless they're a "historical accident." Yes, it calls people "historical accidents." That is an actual phrase in the law. Apparently, if your biology doesn't line up with a 1950s textbook diagram, you're now a clerical error.

If you're a trans kid, this bill tells you: *you don't belong*. If you're an administrator, it says: *hope you brought your lawyer*. Because the minute a kid walks into the "wrong" bathroom, a parent with an axe to grind — and possibly a Facebook group — can sue.

And let's talk about fairness. If this were *really* about protecting girls' sports, we'd be investing in girls' teams, facilities, coaches. Not banning kids. This bill isn't about fairness — it's about fear. It's not about safety — it's about singling people out and pretending it's "just common sense."

In truth, there is no epidemic of trans kids dominating Maine high school sports. What *is* real? Trans kids being bullied, excluded, and told that even *existing* is a threat to someone else's "comfort."

This bill solves nothing, helps no one, and creates chaos everywhere it goes. It invites lawsuits, alienates students, and uses public schools as pawns in a culture war.

So, please — if your goal is truly to support students, to keep them safe, and to respect all families — then reject this bill. Because no child should have to fight a legal battle just to play sports or use the bathroom at school.

Thank you.