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Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton in opposition to
LD 868 – An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics,
Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary,
Secondary and Postsecondary Schools

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Rep. Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Frenchboro, Swan's Island, Isle au Haut, and Vinalhaven. As a legislator, I hear from constituents across Maine who identify as transgender or non-binary and are simply asking to live with dignity, safety, and acceptance.

I oppose LD 868 because it creates a sweeping set of restrictions that would isolate transgender and non-binary students in nearly every area of school life—from sports to bathrooms to housing. This bill would effectively deny students the ability to participate in school as their authentic selves. That is harmful, unnecessary, and counter to the values of inclusion and equity.

I respectfully urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass.

Thank you,
Rep. Holly Eaton
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Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Isle au Haut, Vinalhaven