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Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton in opposition to LD 1134 – An Act to Prohibit Males from Participating in Female Sports or Using Female Facilities

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 1134 because it seeks to exclude transgender students from participating fully in school life. Its vague language around "facilities" opens the door to discriminatory practices that could isolate and stigmatize transgender girls in particular. These young people are not a threat—they are part of our communities and deserve to be treated as such.

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

Thank you, Rep. Holly Eaton House District 15