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Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton in opposition to
**LD 1337 – An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female
Athletes and Safety in Women's Single-sex Shelters**

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 1337 because it would carve out dangerous exemptions in our civil rights laws. Allowing shelters to turn people away based on gender identity undermines the purpose of emergency services and puts some of our most vulnerable community members at further risk. Every person seeking shelter deserves safety, not judgment or rejection.

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