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LD 233

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Linda Lorenzen, and I am a resident of Rockport. I am writing in opposition to LD233.

I feel strongly that this bill is anti-woman. First, in its insistence on referring to trans women/girls as males, secondly in singling out only trans women/girls for targeted dis-inclusion in sports, and finally for the degrading invasion of privacy that would result for any female who might be accused of being trans (is she too muscular, not traditionally pretty enough, taller than her classmates?) and be expected to prove her gender on the spot. Anyone could harass any female athlete in this manner, from schoolmates to community members, to opposing teams in the middle of a game. The schools should be protecting students from bullying, not encouraging it. The law should back them up on treating all students equally. In fact, the Maine Human Rights Act already does.

Therefore, I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD233.

Thank you,  
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