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LD 868

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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee.

My name is Lesley Andersen, I'm a resident of Saco, and I am here today as a Mainer and educator.

I am here today in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

LD 868 is dangerous. It is not just about sports—it reaches into nearly every aspect of a student's life. It would isolate trans and non-binary students from their peers, deny them safe spaces, and undermine their ability to learn and grow. As a woman and an educator, I believe every student has a right to dignity and safety. Segregating and policing identities will not make anyone safer—it will only traumatize those already at risk.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you