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LD 1134

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 1134 combines sports bans with vague and sweeping language about 'facilities,' potentially opening the door to bans on bathroom access. As a woman, I know that true safety is not achieved through exclusion or suspicion—it's achieved through empathy, education, and respect. As a teacher, I want all students to feel seen and supported. This bill does not protect women—it targets trans girls. That's not justice, it's cruelty.

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