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LD 1337

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 1337 would roll back hard-won anti-discrimination protections for women and gender-diverse people. It positions trans women as a threat and undermines inclusive policy under the guise of fairness. As a woman, I see this for what it is: an attempt to pit us against each other instead of building solidarity. As a teacher, I teach my students the value of inclusion, compassion, and respect. This bill sends the opposite message.

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