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I recommend that the legislature Ought not to Pass this bill.

Main Concerns:

- Discriminates against transgender girls and women by banning them from school sports.
- Undermines student inclusion, equality, and well-being.
- Disregards science and existing fairness policies in athletics.

Key Talking Points:

- Violates the Maine Human Rights Act, which protects transgender students from discrimination in education and school programs.
- Transgender girls are girls—excluding them from sports is exclusion from school life itself.
- National sports and health organizations support inclusive participation based on gender identity.
- Participation in athletics builds confidence, resilience, and leadership—rights every student deserves.

Schools already implement inclusive policies that balance fairness and competition.

This bill uses public education to marginalize and stigmatize already vulnerable youth.