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To Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Judiciary committee:

I am writing in firm opposition to all the bills before you today, all bills targeting trans girls in Maine. I am astounded that these eight bills have made it this far. They threaten to erode the civil rights and protection Maine now gives everyone no matter their sexual orientation. These bills not only target trans girls, but they make all girls and their bodies targeted and vulnerable.

A close relative of mine, a trans girl, moved to Maine with her family a number of years ago to be closer to family and in search of a more supportive school and community. Even with the added support her emotional and physical life has been very fragile. She and other trans people I know often feel unaccepted, sidelined and vulnerable. Our current national administration has exacerbated those feelings exponentially. Please do what you can to resist these attempts to divide us and move us backwards and help keep Maine a safe haven for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts about these bills.
I urge you to vote "Ought Not to Pass" on these bills.

Thank you.