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Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Alisha Heal and I am a resident of Kennebunk Maine, clinical social worker, parent and concerned citizen. I am offering written testimony against LD 868. Maine has a strong commitment to providing safe, inclusive environments for all children and bans on trans athletes only undermine what Maine voters have already affirmed by passing the Maine Human Rights Act. Frankly, LD 868 is disgusting, opening up our children to invasive scrutiny on how their body's look and are perceived by adults. Opening the door to such body policing of our children is unconscionable. Not only would this bill create a harmful school climate for our children, it goes against our core Maine values of dignity, respect and autonomy. No child should have to go to school worrying about proving their sex or face questioning about their body parts. I urge Maine lawmakers to vote no on LD 868 and uphold Maine's values, protecting our children's rights to control over the bodies without interference.