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LD 868

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Carney McRae. I am a resident of Rockland and I am testifying in opposition to LD 868. As a Director of Religious Exploration for two Unitarian Universalist congregations, I work with all ages to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations and the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

I believe this LD should NOT become law because banning trans girls from playing sports and not allowing children to use locker rooms and bathrooms based on their gender identity is exclusionary, targeting children who just want to be their true selves. It is also unconstitutional. I have a gender-fluid grandchild, and they have to constantly be cautious about how they participate in school activities. Laws that ban them from being their authentic self, only increases bullying and trauma. Children should not have to fear being themselves nor should they be excluded and banned from school sports, which brings them joy and helps keep them healthy and strong. I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 868.

Thank you.

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