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LD 1704

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Noami Brautigam, I am a resident of Monroe. I am here today in opposition of the bills before the committee today. Specifically, I would like to express my strong opposition to the following anti-trans legislation: LD 233, LD 868, LD 1002, LD 1134, LD 1704, LD 1337, LD 1432 and LD 380.

As a parent of two young kids, I know that these anti-trans bills will hurt our children and our communities. They will leave all girls and kids who don't fit into stereotypical gender norms vulnerable to bullying and harassment at school, especially girls deemed "too tall" or "too strong." I fear that these bills will turn schools that are meant to be a places of community building into places where kids are scrutinized for not rigidly fitting into gender norms. These bills will cause fear, distrust and confusion.

Instead of creating a culture of scrutiny and exclusion, I hope Maine can support schools to be places where all students are embraced and able to safely participate in not only the school day but also in extracurricular activities.

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 for your time,
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