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Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Tammy Petrucci and I am a resident of Lyman Maine, I am a concerned citizen. I am offering written testimony against LD 233. I believe all and any student deserve the opportunity to play sports, participate in school activities and engage activities that provide a student with socialization. All Maine students deserve to live a life that is free from prejudice in all platforms weather a school recieves state funding or does not. Promoting inclusion, discipline, self-assurance, communication and leadership skills should be the core goal of any school sports program. School sports should be about helping all students to be active and healthy. Any youth including transgender youth, should be able to participate in school sports allowing them a space to thrive and belong. There seems to be alot of sensationalized misinformation about the advantages a trans female athlete may hold over fellow cis-female athletes. This is a made up issue with no data to support the argumet so those with an agenda to discriminate might have ligitamacy. I am proud that Maine schools have long been focused on inclusion and safety of all their students. All students should be protected and given the ability to participate in sports that align with their gender identity. Maine has a tradition of keeping government out of our children's lives, sports have monumental impact on students lifes. I would like state funding for our schools to continue having open access to all students. I urge you to vote against LD 233 and uphold Maine's value of inclusivity and protection of all its students.