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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

My name is Lyn Bell. I'm a resident of Norway. I am representing the First Universalist Church of Norway, and I am the parent of a transgender child.

I am writing in opposition to the bills before the committee today.

I am the product of Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, and Muskogee Peoples who lived on the Gulf Coast. I am the product of Scottish immigrants, and Irish indentured servants. I am the product of enslaved Africans and even a passenger on the Mayflower. All of those people had differing perspectives on gender so who are we in the melting pot of America to say what someone else's experience should look like? If LD233 passes, then how have you protected female athletes? Who is the one that is going to judge what a woman is? If you have a girl with PCOS who has an "abnormal" amount of body hair, will a coach demand they show their genitalia? If a female athlete is discovered to have an SRY inhibitor so they have internal testes, will they be prevented from participating in sports? Did the authors of this bill even know what intersexed is?

I have been to the rallies in support of the two transgender athletes in Maine and their teammates are supportive, so why aren't you?

There are more than half a million NCAA athletes in America, and of those, fewer than 10 are transgender. Let the ruling bodies that are already in place do their job instead of micromanaging them. The idea that males would compete in female sports is absurd, and the insinuation that female athletes are inherently inferior to males is ridiculous.

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,

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