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LD 233

Testimony in Opposition to LD 233

An Act to Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs
and Activities Designated for Females When State Funding Is Provided to the School

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I am a Maine taxpayer, whose children and grandchild
attended Maine schools and I ask you to oppose LD 233. I ask that you consider that
you are not just voting on whether transgender girls will be allowed to play on girls'
sports teams. By choosing to say there are only biological females or males, you are
denying that transgender people exist at all. You are erasing the official personhood
of a group of our
most vulnerable students. These students will exist whether you vote to recognize
them or not, but their lives will become that much harder.
As you consider whether to debate such a policy, I ask you to please think of all
students in our state and to consider carefully what it means if you vote to tell trans
students that in the eyes of the state they no longer exist. Educate yourselves about the
difficulties these students already deal with every day.
Thank you for your consideration,
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