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LD 1704

Testimony in Support of LD 1704

An Act to Prohibit a School Administrative Unit from Adopting a Policy That Allows a Student to Use a Restroom Designated for Use by the Opposite Sex

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I am a Maine taxpayer, whose children and grandchild attended Maine schools and I write in opposition to LD 1704. I understand concerns about the safety of girls in bathrooms and locker rooms, but there are discrete and compassionate ways to address this issue without negating the existence and experience of some of students who don't match a set definition of female or male. I would like to think that we can trust our coaches, teachers, and administrators to know who is supposed to be in their locker rooms and school bathrooms and monitor for safety and appropriate behavior. If some students feel uncomfortable changing with a transgender student nearby, find safe private spaces for these uncomfortable students to change and shower. And speaking of students at risk, I cannot think of a more potentially unsafe situation for a trans girl than being forced to change in a boys' locker room or use a boy's bathroom.

Thank you for your consideration,
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