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To the Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Roberta Sharp from Bar harbor, Maine. I am writing to oppose passage of this bill which discriminates against transgender students and violates both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. This bill is discriminatory on the basis of sex and therefore not constitutional. The Maine human rights act was adopted in 2005 to protect gender identity. Are we prepared to stand up against bullying tactics from the federal government or do we want to open the door for more civil rights attacks? Who will be attacked next? It could be a member of your family or community. We need to have compassion and set aside hatred. These are people who deserve the same respect as you would want for yourself. I have a close acquaintance who is struggling with these attacks on gender identity. These are very difficult times. Passing this bill would give others the opportunity to treat transgender people with cruelty that they don't deserve. Please do not vote to pass this bill. Thank you for your time. Roberta Sharp