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LD 868

My name is Barbara Arsenault and I am from Mexico, Maine. I am asking you to vote against LD 868.

My biggest concern is the part of the bill in regards to facilities and restrooms. From my understanding there would not be any place for a transgender person to use a bathroom or changing rooms. The bill states only girls as identified at birth can use the facilities but a transgender woman would have to use the facilities for men only. Representative Sarah McBride, a transgender woman was told to leave the congressional ladies bathroom by another congresswoman in a hostile way. As she is now a woman, is it okay for her to walk into the men's bathroom?

When vetoing the transgender ban on sports Republican Governor Spencer Cox said "Rarely has so much fear and anger been directed at so few". He also stated " I must admit, I am not an expert on transgenderism. I struggle to understand so much of it and the science is conflicting. When in doubt however, I always try to err on the side of kindness, mercy and compassion. I also try to get proximate and I am learning so much from our transgender community. They are great kids who face enormous struggles. Here are the numbers that have most impacted my decision: 75,000, 4, 1, 86 and 56.

75,000 high school kids participating in high school sports in Utah.

4 transgender kids playing high school sports in Utah.

1 transgender student playing girls sports.

86% of trans youth reporting suicidality.

56% of trans youth having attempted suicide."

Thank you for your time.

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