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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Elinor (Elli) Lisa and I live in North Yarmouth Maine. I am writing today in opposition 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.

As a parent, and a family member to someone who is a part of the LGBTQ+ community I know that these bills would hurt Maine schools and communities. We do not need anymore bathroom bans. If this is such an issue, then the state should fund the schools to build more gender neutral bathrooms. The more a student is shown support in who they are and how they identify, the more likely they are to be happy, safe and a positive member of our community. When you start to discriminate and take things away from a student, you are in danger of not just hurting them, but hurting the community. These bills encourage hate and fear, not safety. I understand that these bills are stating they are keeping "girls" safe but in fact they are just causing young trans people and school administrations more stress and anxiety.

I have two children, a son and a daughter. I want them to be in a school that has no bans on gender identity.

Let the trans kids play!!