

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,  
Thank you for the opportunity to address this Committee.

My name is Marie Véronique Emonds, and I am a resident of South Portland.

LD 1704 (and likely LD 1134, although it is vaguely worded), would institute a transgender “bathroom ban” in school facilities. When female students and adults need to use a restroom, they go into the restroom, find an empty stall, close the door, take care of their business, and hopefully wash their hands on the way out. This applies equally to cisgender and transgender women and girls. No one is viewing another girl or women’s naked body. How is the current situation a problem? Why do we need to take up precious time and resources discussing a needless law when there are more important economic and housing issues to concern ourselves with?

Furthermore, I am a transgender woman, and if this legislation is enacted, does that mean that if I am attending a school board meeting or other event at the high school that I will not be allowed to use a restroom in the school during a break in the meeting or event?

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote “Ought not to Pass” on both LD 1704 and LD 1134.