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Greetings Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. I really appreciate this opportunity to share my testimony with you.

My name is Kara Potter and I'm writing to ask you to vote AGAINST LD 233: An Act to Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females When State Funding Is Provided to the School. As you may know, this bill would ban any school that receives state funding from allowing transgender girls to participate in school sports.

As a parent to 3 kids educated in Maine I know schools should create a supportive environment where every student can receive an education and participate in school activities. Not only that, bans like this one are incredibly disconcerting to me for several reasons, including the fact that any attempt to enforce this ban blatantly violates the privacy of all Maine women and girls.

Maine added gender identity to our Human Rights Act in 2005. There's no reason to move backwards. We must continue to protect each and every Mainer's civil rights - especially in this moment when many at the federal level, and here in our own state, are threatening to take them away. I hope you'll vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 380.

Thank you for your time.