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Dear Judiciary Committee Members,

My name is Susan Dickson-Smith and I live in Orono, Maine.

I am writing to oppose LD 868 and all the bills being heard on May 8, 2025 because these bills all discriminate against transgender girl athletes in elementary school, high school and college-level sports. First, the idea that male students are playing or are seeking to play female sports in Maine is absurd, and is only meant to incite confusion and panic.

Transgender girl athletes, like any other girl athletes, gain valuable feelings of achievement, self-worth, and community support through school athletics. I know, because a young trans woman I have known for some time has spoken of how important being involved with athletics has been for her. Additionally, enforcing these bills will put all girl athletes through intrusive inspections that pose greater dangers to Maine's girls. These bills do nothing to protect girls or improve women's sports. Maine has long protected its LGBTQ community against discrimination. Now is not the time to roll back those protections. I urge you to vote NO on all of the following bills: LD 233, LD 380, LD 868, LD 1002, LD 1134, LD 1337, LD 1432 and LD 1704.

Thank you.