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

My name is Kara Potter and I'm writing to ask you to vote 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. This bill is a "bathroom ban" that would prohibit schools from creating policies allowing students to use a bathroom if that bathroom does not correspond to the student's sex assigned at birth.

This is an unnecessary level of government involvement in the lives of individuals. Unfortunately, this kind of overreach is becoming commonplace in our government these days.

As a parent I hope legislators would be working on issues of facility improvements, increasing access to learning opportunities, and other real issues that are impacting students in our small, rural, underfunded schools. Not restricting and policing who uses which bathroom!

Schools are designed to be a supportive environment where students, teachers, families, and staff all work together to create a welcoming space to learn and grow. There's no reason to move this legislation forward. I hope you'll vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 1704 and allow this bill to die in committee as it is completely unnecessary to take us backwards in this way.

Thank you for your time.