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I'm deeply concerned by LD 1337's attempt to exempt privately run women's shelters and school sports from Maine's Human Rights Act—this change would legally allow shelters to turn away transgender women at their most vulnerable and permit schools to exclude trans girls from athletic teams, stripping them of basic protections and dignity. By codifying discrimination under the guise of "sex-specific" safety and Title IX "clarification," the bill undermines both state and federal commitments to fairness and equal opportunity. We must stand together to ensure that every person—regardless of gender identity—can access safe shelter and affirming athletic participation without fear of being denied their fundamental rights.