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I've made Maine my home for decades and pride myself for giving back to a State that stands up for allowing everyone to work hard, be independent in their lifestyle and raise children to give back to the world around them, WITHOUT pressure and influence from other agenda.

Maine must stand up against the national political agenda interfering with our rights to make our own laws!! Bills that discriminate against transgender students violate both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. A school environment is supposed to be a safe environment so children can stretch, grow, take chances, trust and BE THEMSELVES. Whatever that looks like. And sometimes, these are phases that children go through. Sometimes they are not. Laws and bans like this only cause fear, distrust, and confusion for students, families, and educators, making proper education nearly impossible.

I am sick about the harm that this will do to our most vulnerable students, their families and schools in general.