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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 state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. As a parent, I know that these bills would leave ALL girls vulnerable to scrutiny and harassment.^[1] These bans empower schools to engage in policing adherence to gender norms, which unfairly scrutinizes girls' bodies, and are proven to affect girls of color even more. Bans like these cause fear, distrust, and confusion for students, families, and educators. Maine can and should lead by example.