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Maine must follow the Governor's lead and stand up against the federal administration's attempts to interfere with state laws. Any bill that discriminates against transgender students violates both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. These bills try to enforce outdated gender "norms", create a "normal" to which everything else is measured, shames youth for the bodies, minds and feelings that they have. These bans will cause fear, distrust, and confusion for students, families, and educators. Our youth are already experiencing an undue amount of stress and fear, and this just stands to increase the anxiety of an already stressed sector of our community.