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LD 868

Testimony in Opposition to LD 868

An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing in Elementary, Secondary and Post-Secondary Schools

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I am writing to oppose this bill, as it, along with the other bills being considered this morning by the Judiciary Committee, contributes to discrimination against transgender students, in sports and in bathroom and other school facilities' use. These bills do not respect transgender students, and attempt to erase who students know themselves to be. They put at risk all students, particularly girls, whose privacy may be invaded, and they foster a climate of fear and division rather than openness and inclusiveness. They also run afoul of Maine's Human Rights policies. School administrators and educators are creative and caring, and are capable of finding ways, as needed, of protecting and affirming all students. I urge you to reject this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

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