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To the members of the Committee,
I am writing to you, in opposition of the bills that have been brought to the state house today.

These bills have no place in Maine law. People including myself, have been coming to Maine to seek safety and community. By putting on paper, that there is a belief that women are inferior to a man, or play sports with different standards than a man, is not only short sighted, but extremely offensive to every female athlete.

Although these bills are written to target trans people, who in my experience do not need more targets on their back, they will end up targeting every single girl and woman who does not look a certain way. I know growing up as a girl in school, I did not fit whatever that definition of woman was, and I cannot imagine growing up in a classroom now and being bullied even worse than I already was and feeling like I could not even safely use a bathroom in a place where I am just trying to learn.

Children already have enough to deal with, without adding more fear, more disconnection, and more detachment to their lives.

I truly hope you can see how damaging these bills would be to the entire community of Maine and hope you will choose to oppose them.