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LD 233

Dear Judiciary Committee Members,

My name is Alyson Spencer-Reed, and I live in New Gloucester, Maine. I am writing to oppose LD 868 and all the bills being heard on May 8, 2025 because they discriminate against transgender girl athletes in elementary school, high school, and college-level sports. Transgender students are simply people, like everyone else, and deserve – and are guaranteed by law – the same rights as everyone else. All students of all genders need the opportunity to participate in sports at all levels for the benefits they offer to physical and mental health, teamwork, camaraderie, commitment, and responsibility; depriving any group of people this experience is cruel and detrimental. If these bills were to pass, any attempt to enforce them would put girls in sports – and not just transgender girls in sports – through intrusive questioning and inspections in grave violation of their privacy. Adolescent girls and young women already face undue harassment as it is, and these bills stand to make that worse. What's more, the bills would do nothing to protect girls in any way or to improve women's sports. Maine has long protected its LGBTQ community against discrimination, and we must keep it that way. I strongly urge you to vote NO on all of the following bills: LD 233, LD 380, LD 868, LD 1002, LD 1134, LD 1337, LD 1432 and LD 1704. Thank you.