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Participating in sports helps teach values like perseverance. It can also be a mental health lifeline for kids. I know that being able to row in college kept me from giving in to my worst anxiety impulses. I would hate to see Maine remove that from any child. We should want more young people to play sports, not put up barriers for girls across Maine. I am also concerned that this would lead to gender checks for anyone deemed "not feminine enough." I can see this leading to more bullying. I also believe this bill violates our Maine Human Rights Act and is illegal.