

The Join Standing Judiciary Committee
Testimony of Catey Draper, Cape Elizabeth, ME

Against LD 868

LD 868: An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Join Standing Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Catey Draper, and I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth, ME. I am testifying in opposition to LD 868.

The act to ban transgender girls from athletics, restrooms, changing rooms and housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools will hurt my school-aged friends and neighbors. This bill is the most expansive of the bills you are hearing this morning. The act essentially bars any child who does not identify as female or male from school. Children should not be stopped from attending school nor participating in any activity at school in which they are interested. The school environment should be one where every student receives an education in and outside of the classroom.

This gender-based ban would target all girls, making them vulnerable to physical scrutiny and harassment, exacerbating the vulnerable experience of being female. Any attempt to enforce this ban violates the privacy of all Maine women and girls.

The issues of sports participation are already being handled appropriately by the correct organizations and governing associations to ensure fairness. Changes to Maine law are unnecessary and help no one, regardless of gender.

Respectfully,

Catey Draper
Cape Elizabeth, ME