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LD 1704

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee I am writing in opposition to bills LD 233; LD 868; LD 1002; LD 1134; LD 1704; LD 1337; LD 1432; and LD 380.

As a lifelong Mainer, trans person, and current Waterville resident I've taken pride in our state's precedent to protect and offer equal rights to it's citizens. These bills do the opposite of that- they are targeted unreasonable attacks against the small and important population of trans Mainers who are all ordinary people who want to go to school and get an education, play sports with their peers, receive medical care and be members of the greater Maine community without discrimination. These bills do not increase the quality of life for anyone and instead open the gates up for dangerous scrutiny of young athletes' bodies whether or not they're trans; for loss of protection for health care providers doing their jobs providing care; for increased vulnerability for unhoused trans women and more. This is not what trans people need nor what the average Mainer is concerned about. Right now Maine residents are worrying about things accessible healthcare, affordable housing, and feeding their families. These bills do nothing to alleviate those concerns and actively harm trans people and other people in Maine. Thank you for allowing me to write in and I urge you to vote "ought not to pass."