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All Girls Deserve to Play: Transgender Athletes in Maine
Why blanket bans against trans kids in sports are unfair, dangerous, and unconstitutional

Bans like this are harmful to all Maine women and girls.

- These bans would invite any person to call for an invasive or traumatizing “gender check” on any girl

who wants to play sports if they think she is “too tall” or “too strong.”

- Bans embolden spectators, community members, and fellow competitors to bully and harass girls

by accusing them of being trans. If these bills pass, they will become another weapon for bullies to

use against girls in Maine.

- Any attempt to enforce this ban blatantly violates the privacy of all Maine women and girls.

- These bans empower schools to engage in policing adherence to gender norms, which unfairly scrutinizes girls’ bodies, and have been shown to disproportionately impact girls of color.

- These bans will cause fear, distrust, and confusion for students, families, and educators.

Bans like this hurt Maine schools.

- Schools should create a supportive environment where every student can receive an education

and participate in school activities.

- School climates are improved when more children participate in extracurricular activities.

- Participating in sports teaches important values like perseverance, dedication, self-assurance, and teamwork. We should want more young people to play sports, not put up barriers for girls across

Maine that subject them to invasive interrogation or make them risk public ridicule.

Blanket bans are unfair, unnecessary, and help no one.

- Sports should be as fair and safe as possible for all students. That’s why sch