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LD 1134

I am a trans woman writing to express opposition to LD 1134 "An Act to Prohibit Males from Participating in Female Sports or Using Female Facilities"

We have three bills being considered that ban trans-women in Maine schools from sports and facilities congruent with their gender. LD 233, LD 868, and this LD 1134. Please reference my testimony on the other two, in addition to this one.

I'll be brief on this testimony as the other two are rather detailed.

- Trans-women are women
- Trans-women on hormone replacement therapy and/or puberty blockers are roughly as strong, if not weaker than a cis woman.
- Trans-women are not trying to gain access to women's spaces in bad faith. We just want to be where we belong, and with people we identify with.
- Statistically speaking, trans people are abuse victims, not perpetrators. Forcing us into the spaces of a gender we don't identify with has negative impacts on safety, and mental health.
- These three bills are currently aimed at a grand total of two people in the state, but passing them would lead to further bills against trans people that will harm more and more people in the trans community. Please don't even let this kind of stuff get started.

I urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1134.