

TO: Judiciary Committee

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SUBJECT: Testimony Against LD 233, 868, 1002,1134, 1704, 1337,  
380, 1432

and in affirmation of the rights and dignity of Transgender Girls and  
Women

Senate Chair Anne Carney; Representative Chair Amy Kuhn; and members of the  
Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

Frankly, I am horrified at the lack of respect and compassion for transgender girls and women indicated by these bills. Denying trans women the right to needed health care and barring them from emergency shelters due to their gender identity serves only to harm these women and to harden the hearts of those complicit in such actions. And what is the impact on a trans girl or woman who cannot use the restroom intended for women? It sends a very negative message with a highly negative impact on the state of mind of these trans women, while there is no impact on others using that restroom - except that if a woman or girl disapproves of transgender people, that woman may feel miffed that she didn't 'get her way', that the trans girl or woman didn't make a personal life choice of which s/he approves.

As to unfair competition: what is the purpose of sports in schools and colleges? Isn't the goal to help students achieve physical fitness, learn about working as a team and similar? It's not whether you win, but how you play the game — at least until the idea of participating in the Olympics or professional sports approaches.

As studies have shown there is no evidence that trans girls and women dominate non-trans girls and women in sports.

The National Women's Law Center notes:

"Trans women do not have an unfair advantage in sports. First off, the small number of trans and intersex girls and women athletes have NOT demonstrated any categorical "dominance" or overwhelming advantage. Years of data negate this dominance argument.

Second, this notion that trans girls have an overall competitive advantage in sports also implies that every single cisgender woman is physically inferior, which feeds into sexist stereotypes and pits women against women. It also risks opening the door to questioning every woman's femininity.

Finally, this notion overlooks the fact that class and money are often responsible for competitive advantages in sports (i.e., access to private coaching, better facilities, better sports equipment, and specialized training)."

Please vote to uphold the dignity and rights of the trans girls and women in our Maine family and vote "ought NOT to pass". Thank you.

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<https://nwlc.org/once-and-for-all-this-is-why-we-support-trans-women-and-girls-in-sports/>

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Trans girls and women are more likely to suffer harassment and abuse than other girls and women. We should assist, not hinder, them if they need shelter and protection. If we are to be a strong and loving community, we must support our trans gender women and girls.