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Thank you for reading my testimony.

I am a mom of a young girl not yet in the school system in Maine and a former educator at the public university level. I am deeply troubled by the rhetoric and blatant discrimination that is detailed in all of the anti-trans legislation brought forth today. Beyond the fact that there is little to no research that supports this type of ban as "fair," the bill sponsors are therefore sexualizing our youth who just want to be able to play with their friends and BE KIDS. Furthermore, it subjects our trans and non trans youth to "gender checks" which could be insanely more insidious than letting kids play sports.

I do not want my daughter in a school afraid she might be subjected to some kind of gender check nor do I want trans youth who are already facing enormous social obstacles to be forced to be someone they are not. Trans youth deserve a childhood too, free of bullying and to play with their friends. Treating them like they're adults trying to "cheat" some system is not only disruptive to their experiences at school and education, it is also a WASTE of my tax payer dollars to a cause that doesn't support our community in any way and could instead be used towards mental health resources, support for Maine families in need, and maybe even (shockingly) make it so teachers can afford to keep teaching our children.

Thank you,