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LD 233

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in opposition to bill LD 233. The bill specifically excludes transgender girls but not transgender boys from athletic programs or activities. Besides not defining the programs or activities, this bill is unnecessarily cruel. Sports were a cornerstone of my childhood and this bill would prevent children from experiences that are unique to sports, including the socialization of being involved in team activities. I met some of my closest friends through athletic activities. Because the bill does not clearly define the programs or activities, will schools lose funding for co-ed activities? What about intramural sports? Many of those programs, especially at the secondary and post secondary level are student created, would the existence of those student organized programs or activities be subject to this bill?

In light of the ambiguity of the bill LD 233 and the intentionally cruel wording, I urge you to vote 'Ought not to Pass'. Thank you!