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LD 233

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I respectfully urge you to vote against LD 233. Banning trans girls from playing school sports would be a blatant and dangerous rollback of the values our state has championed for decades. We cannot afford to open the door to attacks on our right to live authentically and control our own bodies.

I am a teacher, and it upsets me deeply that some people are actively trying to deny a subset of children the opportunity to play sports and otherwise live their lives fully. I work with and support students with a diversity of backgrounds and identities, and they all deserve the best we can offer them. Denying trans girls athletic opportunities is most certainly not serving our youth well.

Please ask yourself: do you really want to deny a student the opportunity to play sports? How will you know if a student is trans? Do you want to help create a world where trans people feel safe and accepted, or do you want to increase hostility toward trans people? What are you doing to support the health, wellbeing and success of all girls and women (trans and cis alike) - do you support access to reproductive health care; education about teen dating violence, domestic violence, and different types of abuse; guaranteed maternity leave; environmental safety; and equal pay?

Put simply, LD 233 - along with many other bills before the Legislature - aim to harm trans Mainers and erode their rights. I ask you to reject this erosion of rights. I ask you to uplift trans Mainers and help them live their lives fully.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Kerry Anderson