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LD 1704

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Ann Maksymowicz. I am a resident of Cumberland and I am writing to voice my opposition to LD LD 1704 - An Act to Prohibit a School Administrative Unit from Adopting a Policy That Allows a Student to Use a Restroom Designated for Use by the Opposite Sex.

This bill claims to be protecting students, with the implication girls will be protected, but it does not in fact do that. This bill erases intersex students, and naively simplifies sex into a false binary. This bill erases transgender and gender nonconforming students simply because a portion of our community members deny and disapprove of people who fall outside the stereotypical binary gender norms.

The truth of the matter is our school districts need to move towards single stall bathrooms accessible to all, there are a wide variety of reasons a student would and should use single stall bathrooms. While I don't know the statistics statewide, I do know my school district, MSAD51, has been making single stall bathrooms available for a number of years.

I ask you vote "Ought Not Pass" on this misguided and discriminatory bill.