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

I am writing in opposition to the bills before the committee today, including LD233.

Regarding LD233 in particular: this bill is absurd. This winter, my kids took part in a cross-country skiing race (although I admit it was not a school event). One of the elementary-aged kids (assigned male at birth) wanted to ski with friends who are girls, so the organizers shrugged and allowed them to compete together in the elementary girls' race. This kid is not a great athlete, and did not place anywhere near the top, but had a great time and felt welcome – and so did the other participants. Yet under LD233, if it *had* been a public school event, this gender-crossing participation would have caused the school to be breaking the law.

Is the state of Maine going to send police to every elementary school field day, to make sure that no boys are competing with girls in the egg-and-spoon race?

I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on bill LD233.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee.

Best regards,
Jerzy