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LD 233

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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. I am Margery Goldberg from Portland, Maine. I have lived here for 12 years and for most of my life I lived in Auburn. I am in opposition to LD 233, LD868, LD1002, LD1134, LD1704, LD1337, LD1432, and LD380.

As an Aunt to a transgender person and an LCSW in private practice, I am very aware how these bills would cause emotional , psychological and physical harm to these people. It is important for students to be able to participate in extracurricular activities including sports and to feel accepted in these activities. These bills would do the opposite. They would also harm all girls and potentially cause trauma if schools were forced to act as police to ascertain students' gender. It is also a safety issue to allow transgender girls to use locker rooms and bathrooms of the gender they identify with. They are at risk if they are not allowed to use those rooms.

Another safety issue relates to unhoused trans girls and women being allowed to stay in Women's Shelters. They are already at high risk of being treated violently, and need the protection of Women's Shelters.

Other groups of people who need protection are patients requesting healthcare, the licensed medical practitioners who provide Maine's standard of care health care legally allowed in Maine, and those people who assist. They need to be protected from out of state criminal prosecutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion with the committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you.