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LD 233

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Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Other Members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary:

As a taxpayer, registered voter, and Auburn resident, I'm grateful for the opportunity to voice my disgust with the discriminatory legislation proposed in L.D. 233, An Act to Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females When State Funding Is Provided to the School.

It's unfortunate that the term "biological males" - initiated by hate groups hoping to demean trans people - is used in L.D. 233's title. And as a former teacher, I'm compelled once again to point out that the words male and female are adjectives. But most importantly: all of us know that school sports participation is a valuable resource and learning experience for Maine's next generations. So why in the world would we want to legislate barriers to that?

I hope you can recognize that when all is said and done, L.D. 233 and the other "related" bills you are considering today were written in response to the lies and false alarms by political bullies and hate groups. They seek to create confusion, and divide parents and communities (diverting our attention to the needs and well-being of all people in Maine), with the goal of achieving power, advancing political careers and promoting agendas to reverse the civil rights of women, people of color, LGBTQ people, and others.

"Each and every student in Maine deserves the freedom to be themselves, to be safe, and to feel respected at school." If you want history to recognize you as an advocate for ALL Maine students -- for a better future for Maine -- I urge you to vote Ought Not To Pass on L.D. 233