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I grew up here in Winterport and Orono and I think this bill is weird nonsense that's been imported from cynical national political groups. Mainers need to reject these kinds of attacks on our state, on children and on childhood.

Bathroom bills do not support any legitimate purpose. There is no demonstrated problem that they're fixing and they have no explanation for exactly how enforcement could work in a way that's not abusive to ALL children. And let's be clear, any bill that's abusive to ANY children shouldn't even be considered.

The very issue the proponents of these bills claim to want to avoid is created by them, but you'd never know that because they never discuss the fact that trans boys who are taking testosterone and may have facial hair and a male body shape, would be forced to girls spaces due to these laws.

Current data suggests that both genders transition at about the same rate, but that folks assigned female at birth may currently transition younger than those assigned male at birth. (Because of all of the rank bigotry, like this bill.) As such laws like these will impact trans boys more than trans girls, despite only ever discussing trans girls. It just goes to show how disingenuous the proponents are.

Not talking about trans boys (that is, kids who were assigned female at birth, but are transitioning), leads to nonsense like Mack Beggs being forced to wrestle girls in Texas. Go look him up, the pictures are iconic, and amount to what the proponents of these bills claim they're trying to avoid, even while he only ever ended up playing against girls BECAUSE OF THEM.

This bill is an embarrassment and folks supporting them should not be taken seriously. They are not treating our institutions or our people with respect.