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

Thank you for your service. My name is Gloria Aponte Clarke and I live in Portland Maine.

I am writing today in opposition of the eight anti-trans bills being heard today. I have two daughters who have played competitive sports in organized leagues through college. As a parent and a woman, I am very concerned about this group of bills that would force punitive measures on all girls. I do not want any official or spectator to be able to ask for a gender check on my daughter and athlete. That is invasive and I hope illegal. Title IX already prohibits, discrimination, and many of these bills will add discrimination for all girls. I want more student athletes in our state as athletics provides a structure, life, skills, and community. I want all our athletes to have access to competitive sports. Please do not allow any of these eight anti-trans bills to pass.

The main principles association and groups of athletic directors. I’ve worked hard to create a safe playing field for all its athletes. That includes all our athletes. They all deserve to play whatever gender they were born with. While my daughters were in high school and college. There were trans athletes, and I applaud them. I welcome all. I do not want to spread hateful and hurtful and discriminatory legislation to our children.

I also support maintaining the shield law. This keeps all of us safer.

I also support people in shelters to be able to choose, which gender housing they would like to be housed in. LD1337 is unnecessary and harmful.

LD 233, LD 868, and LD 1134 are discriminatory on the basis of sex and therefore are not constitutional.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote “Ought not to Pass” on these bills. Thank you!

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