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LD 868

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition to LD 868, and by extension and all other anti-trans bills before you today. I'm Jo Baldwin from Damariscotta, and I'm a child development professional with 30 years of experience. I have seen firsthand the damaging impacts of restricting trans and gender expansive children and youth from access to educational and social opportunities in schools and communities, and I urge you not to restrict any young person's access to bathrooms, changing rooms, housing, or sports. All children and youth deserve safety and freedom, and Maine has a long and proud tradition of freedom and autonomy for all our citizens. In conclusion, please vote against any bill that restricts Maine children and youth from living full, complete lives. Please vote against any anti-trans bills, including this one. Thank you.