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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is River Weinstock I'm a resident of Starks. I am writing in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

This bill will only make going to the bathroom dangerous for trans students. Trans people face a disproportionate danger when forced to use the bathroom associated with their assigned sex at birth. There have been countless examples of trans people being harassed or assaulted for doing so. This bill claims to be doing so to protect cis students, when there have been no instances of cis students being harmed because a trans person used the bathroom associated with their chosen gender. There are plenty of concrete ways to ensure the safety of female students without making a political scapegoat of trans students.

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.