

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee and to submit testimony. My name is Deborah Bicknell and I am a resident of Yarmouth Maine. I am writing as a citizen of the great State of Maine.

I am writing to request an ought not to pass vote on LD 1704: An Act to Prohibit a School Administrative Unit from Adopting a Policy That Allows a Student to Use a Restroom Designated for Use by the Opposite Sex. Alongside my own views regarding the content, this bill is an over-reach of State Law into local jurisprudence. Local School Boards have the right to determine school policy without extensive state interference in their policies and governance. Please do not let federal politics and political theater on the national stage overshadow your common sense and clarity of the relationship of state to local government and vice versa.

Please vote ought not to pass on LD 1704. Thank you for reading my testimony and for your public service.

Respectfully submitted,

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