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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 Olivia Zubrowski, I'm a resident of Blue Hill, and I'm writing today in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

Playing sports in school is such a vital opportunity for children to cultivate life-long friendships, life skills, and self-confidence. It's a wonderful way to learn the joys and rewards of being in community. It is an exponentially violent act to be excluded from such an experience based on a single aspect of one's being, like gender identity. Further violence is enacted by forcing children to use bathrooms and locker rooms that do not align with their identities: this bullies trans children and puts them in danger. And if it makes things unsafe for trans children, it makes things unsafe for all children. School sports offer that vital space children need for safe, encouraging places to explore and play: please do your utmost to ensure those spaces are equitable and available for all children.

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!