

Jae Zimmermann
Lewiston
LD 1432

Maine must stand up against the national political agenda interfering with our rights to make our own laws. Bills that discriminate against transgender students violate both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. LD 1134 is discriminatory on the basis of sex and therefore is not constitutional. Title IX already prohibits sex discrimination and does not require a prohibition on transgender or intersex athletes to meet its goals. The Maine Human Rights Act adopted protections for gender identity in 2005. Any attempt to strip Maine's federal funding for protecting trans people is a federal overreach because it is inaccurate about the law and Maine acted in accord with law at all times. Passing this would reward the federal government's bullying tactics and open the door for further attacks on Mainers' civil rights, but it won't make Maine more safe or fair for anyone. You must vote "NO" on LD 1432.