

May 8, 2025

To: Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Chairs: Senator Anne Carey and Representative Amy Kuhn

RE: May 8, 2025 Hearings on 8 Anti-Trans Bills

Dear Senator Carey and Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing this letter to urge you to vote **Ought Not To Pass on LDs 288, 868, 1002, 1134, 1704, 1337, 1432, and 380**. These bills, both individually and collectively are an assault to the rights and wellbeing of transgender people, including children in our state, and pose potential harm to all residents.

LDs 233, 868, 1134, 1704, and 1337 are all focused on the same agenda of creating exclusionary policies to prohibit trans children and adults from participating in sports or using a bathroom that matches their identity. LD 380 and LD 1002 would result in restrictions to teachers and medical professionals. LD 1432 is trying to remove gender identity protections from Maine Law.

These bills violate both state and federal laws. Title IX prohibits discrimination based on sex, and **the Maine Human Rights Act includes protections against discrimination based on gender identity since 2005**.

For all of these reasons and many others, I urge you all to vote against these bills.

Sincerely,
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