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As a intersex transperson I am here to oppose all the bills presented at the state house today May 8th 2025. I am not myself transgender but intersex but I feel that these transgender youth should be allowed to participate in women's sports here in Maine. In my opinion transgender girls are girls. I heard testimony stating that there were only two biological genders male and female meaning that boys are xy and girls are XX. This is not true because some boys can be born with XXY which is a disorder of sexual dysfunction or in laymens terms intersex. If this is true these individuals do not choose their sex.

When I was a youth in middle school back in the 1970s this was not an issue at my school in Rhode Island. There were no boys or girls track team It was mixed and no girls complained when boys ran track. This is unconstitutional. If these boys are intersex it is something they do not choose at birth. It would be unconstitutional if these transgender youth were forced to take DNA tests to show their chromosomes. Is humiliating integrating to these individuals. Something I heard today that they capital was that they might want to have to examine the boys genitalia to allow them to play on the girls sports team? Again that would be very unconstitutional and humiliating and demeaning. To me it seems like we are going backwards in our society and seem to be erasing the transgender population. The suicide rate among transgender youth is about 26% higher than The average non-transgender person. Among transgender adults It is 80% higher than a non transgender person.

I'm asking you to not pass any of these bills because it would deeply hurt the transgender youth in Maine. I know what it's like to be suicidal and I don't want to see these young athletes face the same hurdles I did growing up in the '70s when I came out to be a girl. I was 9 years old when he came up to my parents want to be a girl. They thought I was mentally ill and eventually sent me to a mental health hospital all because I wanted to be a girl. So please don't let this happen to these wonderful transgender youth here in Maine. Don't let them be subjected to mental health evaluations like I did when I was 16. I was sent to a mental health hospital at 16 where I had to be mixed in with adults. It was the worst experience I've ever experienced in my life. I was deemed severely mentally ill and involuntarily committed at 16. All because I wanted to be a girl.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony and I hope that these bills do not pass and let these transgender youth live their lives and be able to play on women's sports teams here in Maine and anywhere else in the country  
Thank you.