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LD 2239

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary -

My name is Claire Bailey. I am a resident of Franklin, Maine, and I am strongly opposed to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239. I believe the ballot measure would actually make kids less safe and create unnecessary barriers to learning and participation in extracurriculars such as sports. Our energy and resources **SHOULD** be spent addressing inequalities in sports, including lack of funding and unequal access to facilities, not policing students based on their assigned sex. Schools are already under resourced, and they should not have to use those scarce resources to check **ALL** student's birth certificates just so they may use the bathroom or locker room. The government should not be allowed to police the bodies of any American, and doing so takes away one of our most basic human rights: freedom of expression. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee.