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

My name is Kevin Carley and I live in Portland. I am writing to oppose the proposed anti-trans ballot measure. This proposal is in conflict with the welcoming and supportive spirit in Maine for marginalized communities. Furthermore, it brings the government and coaches and teachers into the business of monitoring what is going on inside people's gym shorts. What could go wrong with that?

I am sure others have shared with you the alarming statistics regarding substance abuse and suicide rates among Trans teenagers. This type of hateful and unnecessary law would increase those numbers in Maine.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee.