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LD 2239

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

My name is Mindy Dean, resident of Marshfield, and I am opposed to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239. Trans students deserve the right to participate in sports aligned with their identity. Trans students deserve the right to use a toilet without fear of harassment. Trans students already face an incredible amount of challenges navigating high school and society. We should not be creating further obstacles to their right to equality. As a teacher and advisor to the queer students in my community, I witness their struggles to understand their own needs and advocate for themselves. Making these students, in the minority, further disenfranchised is simply wrong. Please protect freedom and fairness in Maine. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee.