



Simone Trombley, Speaking Alongside Portland Outright

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"An Act to Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females When State Funding Is Provided to the School"

Sponsored by Rep. Campbell, Education and Cultural Affairs Committee

Addressed in opposition of this bill sponsored by Rep. Campbell, and towards Gov. Janet Mills and Maine State Reps. and State Senate:

Hello, my name is Simone Trombley. I'm speaking in complete opposition to the passing of this bill as a transgender student in Maine's Public High School system, and as an Organizer of Portland Outright, one of Maine's oldest public-facing Queer Liberation Organization.

I left my town's public school because they couldn't keep me safe from the other students, because I am transgender. I left without the administration even knowing the worst things that had happened to me. I was sexually assaulted twice at knifepoint on school property by school students because I was transgender, out of a hatred and fetishization of trans people. I **do not** admit this publicly to gain your pity, and I don't want your apologies.

I've faced hate crimes and community violence from local domestic terrorists for being trans, and as a result I already live with C-PTSD, and I'm just 15.

I don't ask for apologies, your performative pity disgusts me, stop before you fake woes.

If you politicians pass this bill, you endanger Maine's transgender students. If you force Maine's trans women on men's teams, the trauma of them being sexually assaulted, attacked, and harassed goes into your hands.

You will have that forever, more of the trauma and blood of our people will stain your hands, never to be washed off. Since I came out, I have become a mentor and advocate for a lot of trans Mainers. So, so many of the trans people I know already face violence and hatred, and are traumatized forever just from the reactions and actions of disgusting bigots.

By outing trans students and marking them as aberrant, making us stick out as a target *more*, and normalizing our exclusion and delegitimization, you endanger us. You endanger some