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LD 868

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I write today to in opposition to LD 868 - An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools

As a female athlete, I understand the value of participation in sport. We should encourage all young people to play sports, not create barriers to participation. We need to let school districts and sports associations determine participation at different levels, not create completely exclusionary laws.

Furthermore, this bill discriminates against transgender students, violating both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protections.

Therefore, I urge you to vote 'Ought Not to Pass'.

Thank you.