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I am a constituent in Faulkingham's and Moore's legislative districts and a parent of a trans child-- a trans child who is loved and supported by the community--including their high school teachers and coaches. They graduated a few years ago, but never did our family have any issues with participation in any activities (and yes, they played a varsity sport), but when I read the bills that are being proposed, there is nothing that will "protect girls" in sport or elsewhere in the community. My child was already terrified to enter ANY bathroom or locker room for fear that THEY may be targeted. (They always changed in the car and never used a public restroom) The thought that this bill will actually protect girls and you women is absurd. What the bill does is to provide cover for anyone who wants to bully a trans kid. It just make fear mongering and transphobia accepted in our state. This is clearly just a mean wedge issue that only gives a permission structure to marginalize these already vulnerable kids. These and all kids are already looking at their futures in Maine and the US as uncertain and threatened. This bill targets a vanishingly small number of families and their children with no upside to the larger community. I ask you to do proper research on this issue and to think seriously about why you are in the State House and ask yourself if you are truly protecting anyone other than yourselves from the misinformed and the cowardly. Maine (and especially Downeast Maine) already suffers from a drain of smart, talented youth; please do not support this bills. I want Maine to be a welcoming place for my child to live safely and happily. Unfortunately this bill just creates fear and uncertainty. You are better than this.