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LD 1432

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

Subject: LD 1432: "An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act"

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in opposition to LD 1432 today. My name is Lisa Belanger and I am a resident of North Yarmouth. My community was particularly targeted and students unnecessarily harmed by the rhetoric maligning transgender athletes. In my opinion, the current national political agenda undermines Maine's rights to make and maintain its own laws. Title IX already prohibits sex discrimination, and, in 2005, the Maine Human Rights Act adopted protections for gender identity. Passing this bill would undo this accomplishment and instead reward the federal government's bullying tactics. That only serves to open the door for further attacks on Mainer's civil rights. Please act to reject this and other bills that diminish our rights. Let's keep all Mainers safe from discrimination. Thank-you.