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

I appreciate the chance to strongly oppose the bills before the committee today. These bills would not in any way protect girls in Maine schools but do the opposite, make them vulnerable to scrutiny and inevitably harassment.

I am the parent of a (grown) trans child. Reading the text of the bills sends chills up my spine. Can anyone on this committee imagine what it would be like to have your child's privacy violated, have their adolescent bodies come under scrutiny, even more devastating, have them subject to bullying and violence? This is not the way to protect the children of Maine.

Focusing on trans athletes is a distraction and a way to take away protection from an already vulnerable group of Maine's children. It is clear that these bills violate both state and Federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. I entreat you to vote down each and every one of these unconstitutional bills.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my dismay and clear opposition.
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