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Maine must stand up against the national political agenda interfering with our rights to make our own laws. Bills that discriminate against transgender students violate both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. FULL STOP!

These bills are working to remove human and civil rights from a vulnerable population. If passed the next phase will go after gay people, black people and women until we have completely gone back into the 1950's. What next, remove the right to vote (that seems to be on the horizon) and the right to an education?

As a parent I know that these bills would leave ALL girls vulnerable to scrutiny and harassment.^[1] These bans empower schools to engage in policing adherence to gender norms, which unfairly scrutinizes girls' bodies, what would that even look like?

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This is not about boys in girls sports. It is about exclusion and discrimination against such a small group of people that they have rarely been noticed. If it's such a big deal, create non-gender locker rooms just like they did for black people in the 1960's.

These bans will cause fear, distrust, and confusion for students, families and educators.