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Participating in sports helps teach values like perseverance. It can also be a mental health lifeline for kids. I know that being able to row in college kept me from giving in to my worst anxiety impulses. I would hate to see Maine remove that from any child. We should want more young people to play sports, not put up barriers for girls across Maine. To combine this with the bathroom bill, I am also concerned that this would lead to gender checks for anyone deemed "not feminine enough." I can see this leading to more bullying. I also believe this bill violates our Maine Human Rights Act and is illegal.