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Good morning. My name is Siiri Cressey; I am a citizen of Lewiston Maine + a member of The Maine People's Alliance. I am writing in protest against all of the bills being considered which would limit the school activities of transgender girls.

Proponents of these bills use phrases like "protecting women + girls." I'm a woman, + I have been for my entire adulthood. Before that, I was a girl. I have never, not once, not ever, been threatened or in any way attacked by a transgender woman or girl. Not in bathrooms, not in locker rooms, not anywhere. The one time I was, the location was a public park + the perpetrator was a cisgender man. + yet, I don't hear anybody saying that cisgender men should not be allowed in city parks, nor would I agree with them if someone did. "We must protect women + girls from men in dresses" is utterly a straw man argument. Not only are trans women + girls not men + boys in dresses, I have yet to hear of a single credible case of a cis man or boy pretending to be a trans woman or girl in order to perv on them in bathrooms + locker rooms. I do, however, wonder just how the people promoting these measures would react if their daughters femininity was challenged + they were required to prove that they were girls. What lengths would be considered acceptable? It seems to me that some people are disturbingly obsessed with children's reproductive organs.

Trans women are women.

Trans girls are girls.

Protecting women + girls means ALL women + girls, transgender + cisgender.

Thank you.