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Dear members of the Maine Legislature's Judiciary Committee,

In regards to trans girls participating in girls sports, trans girls are girls. There is no issue except a failure to understand this.

All girls deserve to play sports - I know because I was apparently the first girl to play on the Bangor High School golf team well after schools were required to give girls the opportunity to play every sport. My coach literally refused to coach me knowing I was his only guaranteed player in the State Meet because I was literally the only girl on a team in the entire region - so despite playing terribly on a rainy fall day my senior year of high school, I won the regionals. I made it to the states because someone's efforts to get me to quit did not pay off.

People definitely want to prohibit trans girls from playing sports, but like my coach, they also want to prohibit them from playing at life - a message this kind of exclusion sends to any girl.

Every girl deserves the right to play, to participate in sports and in life.

Thank you for your time and your leadership helping to ensure all kids have the same rights to participate in sports, school, and life.