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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to the Committee. My name is Hal Earle, I'm a resident of Westbrook. I am writing today in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

I was a transgender teenager twenty years ago. At the time, coming out meant the end of my career as a high school athlete and the loss of an essential aspect of my identity. In the years since, I have cried tears of joy (and envy) learning about trans teenagers who have been allowed to participate in sports while being themselves. Maine currently leads the way as a state who recognizes that trans teens are teenagers first. Please let them continue to access these essential childhood experiences while being true to themselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you!