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LD 868

L.D. 868
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Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Other Members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary:

As a taxpayer, registered voter and Auburn resident, I'm grateful for the opportunity to voice my disgust with the discriminatory (unconstitutional) legislation proposed by L.D. 868, An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Post-secondary Schools.

I'm unclear about exactly WHOSE equity and safety this bill would ensure, because my understanding is that L.D. 868 basically attempts to BAN transgender girls from school sports. I call FOUL.

I hope you will recognize that L.D. 868 and the other "related" bills you are hearing testimony about today were written in response to lies and false alarms by political bullies and hate groups. They seek to create confusion, and divide parents and communities (diverting our attention to the needs and well-being of all people in Maine), with the goal of achieving power, advancing political careers and promoting agendas to reverse the civil rights of women, people of color, LGBTQ people, and others.

"Each and every student in Maine deserves the freedom to be themselves, to be safe, and to feel respected at school." If you truly want to ensure REAL safety and equity in Maine schools, I urge you to vote Ought Not To Pass on L.D. 868.