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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 and therefore unconstitutional legislation proposed by L.D. 1134: An Act to Prohibit Males from Participating in Female Sports or Using Female Facilities.

Aside from the fact that the wording is unclear and vague, the language is deceptive and hateful, using the word "males" (which is an adjective, by the way, not a noun) when it's clear the sponsors are talking about transgender girls. Perhaps you could ask the sponsors directly if they are talking about a bathroom ban? And if they answer truthfully in the affirmative, you can remind them that Maine people settled that ALREADY and we're not going backwards.

I know you know this: Here in Maine, any legislation that seeks to discriminate against transgender students is a violation of state AND federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection.

I hope you can recognize that LD 1134, and other "related" bills in front of us today, was written in response to the lies and false alarms by political bullies and hate groups. They seek to create confusion, and divide parents and communities (diverting our attention from 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." I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on L.D. 1134.