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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 irritation with the overbearing legislation proposed in L.D. 1704: An Act to Prohibit a School Administrative Unit from Adopting a Policy That Allows a Student to Use a Restroom Designated for Use by the Opposite Sex.

I have to conclude that L.D. 1704 is another attempt to divide communities, using legislative overreach in an effort to gain political attention. Thank you very much but school bathroom bans are not in the best interests of Maine students, schools and communities. I trust in the knowledge and experience of Maine SADs to create their own policies, including those involving bathrooms, as they see fit.

I hope you recognize that LD 1704 (and the other "related" bills that people are testifying about 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 LD 1704.