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Testimony in Opposition to LD 1134

An Act to Prohibit Males from Participating in Female Sports or Using Female Facilities

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I am a Maine taxpayer, whose children and grandchild

attended Maine schools and I ask you to oppose LD 1134. I ask that you consider that you are not just voting on whether transgender girls will be allowed to play on girls' sports teams. By choosing to say there are only biological females or males, you are denying that transgender people exist at all. You are erasing the official personhood of a group of our

most vulnerable students. These students will exist whether you vote to recognize them or not, but their lives will become that much harder.

As you consider whether to debate such a policy, I ask you to please think of all students in our state and to consider carefully what it means if you vote to tell trans students that in the eyes of the state they no longer exist. Educate yourselves about the difficulties these students already deal with every day.

Thank you for your consideration,

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