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LD 233

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I urge you to reject LD 233, LD 868, and LD 1002.

I speak out of my experience and beliefs as a Quaker and as a father of a daughter who is about to graduate from Portland High School.

I do think there is a legitimate fairness issue with respect to transgender girls competing in girls sports programs. But a blanket prohibition and ostracization is not the answer, and these bills would do much more harm than good. I urge the Committee and the Legislature to dig deeply into the issue to see if there is a way to address the fairness concerns with an open mind, while supporting the health and dignity of all of our kids and adults.

I am still exploring these questions myself, and do not have specific policy positions to recommend. But I have found a couple helpful resources, including the website of the Women Sports Policy Working Group, <https://womenssportspolicy.org> and this article from Vox:

<https://www.vox.com/policy/385549/trans-sports-transgender-biden-harris-democrats-titleix>.

Thank you for your service and leadership on this issue.

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