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

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to LD 1337 - An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female Athletes and Safety in Women's Single-sex Shelters. This bill upends the protections that have been in place for over 20 years in the Maine Human Rights Act and is a threat to other issues of bodily autonomy, particularly for women. I have no doubt that this, and the other bills struggling to be seen as something other than a direct attack on trans rights, will open the door to future discrimination against the rest of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as women. What community will be next in the crosshairs of discrimination while politicians find their wedge issue to get them to the next level?

This bill goes against the values of Mainers and the long held credo of “live and let live”, without the interference of politicians and government.

Thank you for your consideration.