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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Elinor (Elli) Lisa and I live in North Yarmouth Maine. I am writing today in opposition of LD 868 - An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools.

As a parent, and a family member to someone who is a part of the LGBTQ+ community I know that these bills would hurt Maine schools and communities. Students should be allowed to do any type of extracurricular activity regardless of their gender identity. The more a student is shown support in who they are and how they identify, the more likely they are to be happy, safe and a positive member of our community. When you start to discriminate and take things away from a student, you are in danger of not just hurting them, but hurting the community. These bills encourage hate and fear, not safety. I understand that these bills are stating they are keeping "girls" safe but in fact they are putting more girls at risk of harm by scrutinizing over their gender, birth certificate, and their body.

I have two children, a son and a daughter. I would not be upset if my daughter competed and lost against a trans athlete. I would be upset however if my daughter had to submit her birth certificate to confirm she was born as a female when her brother did not have to do this.

Let the trans kids play!!