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LD 1134

Subject: Opposing LD 233 & LD 1134 – Discriminatory Bills Banning Transfemme Youth from Sports

To the Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Patricia A. Lowell, and I am writing to voice my strong opposition to LD 233 and LD 1134, which seek to exclude transfeminine individuals from participating in sports and activities that align with their gender identity.

These bills are not about fairness or safety — they are about exclusion. Trans girls are girls. Denying them the opportunity to participate in sports undermines their mental health, social development, and sense of belonging. It is cruel and unnecessary.

Participation in school sports is about community, teamwork, and growth. These bills do not promote fairness; they promote fear and misunderstanding. I urge the committee to reject LD 233 and LD 1134 and instead work to build a Maine that supports all youth.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Lowell
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