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LD 233

I am writing about LD233 An Act to Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females When State Funding Is Provided to the School

My name is Cynthia Marten and I live in South Portland.

I am a part of a group of Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalists who meet regularly to work on social justice issues.

As a UU, I believe that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

The bills that you are considering single out certain groups of youth who are especially vulnerable to bullying because they may not conform to stereotypical appearances. These students are working on extraordinarily personal issues and policing their gender identity is a violation of privacy of these young people. Science tells us that sex assigned at birth is not a predictor of what a person will live into.

Transgender students are not harming our school sports. They play sports for the same reasons as other students.

These bills violate federal and state constitutional guarantees of equal protection and violate the privacy of Maine students and access to healthcare and safety for Maine women.

I must urge you to vote no for this bills.