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I have been working as domestic abuse advocate for three years. I do not think that people realize how often people are hospitalized for domestic violence, or the struggles people face when fighting a basic right to safety. I have taken hundreds of calls from clients in domestic violence crisis. Most homicides in Maine are DV-related. In DV-related homicides, most perpetrators are men killing women. The MCEDV reports on these homicides:  
<https://www.mcedv.org/maine-domestic-abuse-homicide-review-panel-releases-14th-biennial-report/>

I take the safety and gender-based violence very seriously.

Weaponizing the "safety of women" to exclude trans women does not support people impacted by DV. Trans women are more likely to experience violence from a partner and deserve the same rights and support as anyone else experiencing abuse. To create safety, we need to fund victim services programs, educate our community about abuse, and create affordable housing. No one should have to choose between living in an unsafe home or being unhoused. And anyone with that decision deserves support, regardless of gender.