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LD 1134

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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Kim Michel, I'm a resident of Waldoboro testifying in opposition to LD1134. Schools are supposed to be supportive environments where students' learning and participation in sports and extracurricular activities are the primary goal. LD 1134 would be discriminatory on the basis of sex and therefore would not be constitutional. To enforce such a bill, Maine students could be subject to traumatizing and invasive processes to prove their gender in order to participate in extracurricular activities or even use the restroom at school, a basic human need. This bill, if passed, would violate the privacy of all students and would especially place extra scrutiny on girls' bodies creating fear, distrust, and a strong disincentive to participate in extracurricular activities in Maine schools. Please keep Maine schools inclusive and safe for all students by voting "ought not to pass" on LD 1134. Thank you.