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My name is Sarae Pacetta, and I'm the parent of a transgender 17 year old. I'm writing against LD1134.

We moved to Maine from Ohio to have a place where our nonbinary transgender child could thrive. When they were in middle school they played on girls' sports teams and it afforded them a space of normalcy in their early teen years. They were accepted as a teammate wholly. We would not have had that in Ohio, and it meant the world to us.

Trans girls are not predators, and they are not in bathrooms and locker rooms to make anyone else uncomfortable or harm anyone. They are the ones who are uncomfortable and do anything they can to stay out of the spotlight. There is no threat.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope you help protect this vulnerable population in Maine.