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I've made Maine my home for decades and pride myself for giving back to a State that stands up for allowing everyone to work hard, be independent in their lifestyle and raise children to give back to the world around them, WITHOUT pressure and influence from other agenda.

Maine must stand up against the national political agenda interfering with our rights to make our own laws!! Bills that discriminate against transgender students violate both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. As a parent of a high school, athlete girl, I know that these bills would leave ALL girls vulnerable to scrutiny and harassment.^[1]_[SEP] IMAGINE the slippery slope that this introduces around body questioning, image and vulnerability. These bans will cause fear, distrust, and confusion for students, families, and educators.

I am sick about the harm that this will do to to our most vulnerable populations.