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Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Tammy Petrucci, and I am a concerned citizen and a resident of Lyman, Maine. I am offering written testimony against LD 1337. I am proud to live in Maine, where respect and dignity are afforded to all its citizens. This bill attempts to undermine the Maine Human Rights Act that Maine voters and lawmakers affirmed in 2005. Maine should continue to be committed to providing a safe, inclusive state for all its citizens. No group needs more protection than our children, this includes trans children in sports. By changing protections afforded to Maine athletes, our children will be negatively impacted in school. Sports are meant to promote health, a sense of community, and acceptance. LD 1337 is seeking to prevent trans students from participating in sports. This bill does not protect female students, but creates a discriminatory environment of body policing in which students must prove their gender and sex status, violating Mainers' values of being gender-just. Mainers have supported mental and physical well-being and body autonomy. The bills being presented this session to impact transgender children are all versions of discrimination and body policing, with a malicious and harmful impact on all of Maine's youth. I urge you to vote against LD 1337 and protect all Maine's citizens.