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Greetings Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. I really appreciate this opportunity to share my testimony with you.

My name is Kara Potter and I'm writing to ask you to vote AGAINST LD 1134: An Act to Prohibit Males from Participating in Female Sports or Using Female Facilities. As you likely already know, this bill would ban any schools receiving state funding from allowing transgender girls to participate in school sports. Additionally, it would ban trans girls from using school facilities "designated for use solely by females."

It's important to note that the bill is vague, and the meaning of "facilities" is unclear—this could potentially include a bathroom ban, taking us back more than a decade to debate an issue that has long been settled.

Not only that, bans like this one are likely to be enforced in ways that blatantly violate the privacy of all Maine women and girls.

We must continue to protect each and every Mainer's civil rights - especially in this moment when many at the federal level, and here in our own state, are threatening to take them away. I hope you'll vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 1134 and allow this bill to die in committee.

Thank you for your time.