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LD 1704

Dear Judiciary Committee Members,

My name is John Roscoe and I am a resident of Sullivan, Maine.

I am writing to oppose LD 1704 and all the bills being heard on May 8, 2025 because these bills all discriminate against transgender girl athletes in elementary school, high school and college-level sports. These bills send a message that all girls are inferior to all boys in all sports, and that is just not true. Additionally, enforcing these bills will put all girl athletes through intrusive inspections that pose greater dangers to Maine's girls. These bills do nothing to protect girls or improve women's sports. Maine has long protected its LGBTQ community against discrimination. Now is not the time to roll back those protections. In the face of a dangerous national effort to "other" trans people we should be doing everything possible to protect their freedom and rights. This suite of proposed bills is absolutely intended to discriminate and scare citizens. We should not allow the state of Maine to be pressured by federal efforts at interdiction of trans people. This legislation would be the beginning of an ever expanding campaign to strip rights from citizens. I strongly urge you to vote NO on all of the following bills: LD 233, LD 380, LD 868, LD 1002, LD 1134, LD 1337, LD 1432 and LD 1704.

Thank you.

-John Roscoe