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Maine's Human Rights Act is an expansive, forward-thinking statute which was enacted with the rights of all Mainers in mind. Maine's tradition of rights oriented towards increasing the collective good must prevail over attempts to limit the ways in which trans Mainers can participate in and contribute to Maine's culture, society, and economy.

Regarding trans female athletes: are cis female athletes are to be prohibited from competing against cis males? Unless this is so, prohibiting cis females from competing against trans females is illogical. Leaving aside medical details, the facts as they exist are that cis females already participate in athletic competitions with cis males. I assure you that Maine's cis girls and women are tough enough to handle trans girls and women in their sports leagues. Don't insult them like this.

Regarding women's shelters: statistics show that trans people, particularly trans women, are often victims of domestic violence. Women fleeing unsafe home lives need a place to go no matter what gender they started out as. The Maine Human Rights Act assures them access to help. Looking at a victim of violence and deliberately choosing to reduce their access to help is immoral, unethical, and despicable.