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LD 868

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Louise Secordel, I live in Scarborough, and I strongly oppose the anti-trans bills before the committee today, including LD 868.

Trans people have always existed, and I want to live in a society where they are loved, respected, and valued. I want trans children to be supported in school and participate in sports and extracurricular activities that interest them. I want them and their classmates to learn about perseverance, confidence, respect, and collaboration, and sports is a great way to do that. I trust that issues of fairness in sports participation get worked out by the appropriate local organizations and governance. There is no need to change Maine law, especially if it perpetuates discrimination.

Maine must stand up against the national political agenda interfering with our rights. I want trans children and trans people to live and thrive, and we should be doing everything we can to protect and support them.

I urge you to vote "ought not to pass" on these bills. Thank you.