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Representative Kuhn
Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

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These LDs brought forward today would be harmful to all Maine women and girls and violate their right to privacy. Schools should create a supportive environment for all students to be able to participate in education and sports without fear, and distrust. Bans that are proposed within these LDs would cause harm to all Maine school children, families and our communities. As a family member of a trans person, a mother to three Maine young adults, an employee and community member I want to continue to live in a State that supports all people to live their lives in a way they choose. I believe that these LDs violate both the Maine Humans Rights Act and Federal Title IX law.

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