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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, Greetings. You are about to visit and consider a slew of bills all related to gender discrimination. I strongly urge you to not recommend any of these bills and in doing so protect the lives of these innocent children.

I was a middle school educator for nearly 4 decades. I witnessed the abuse, and psychological damage done to trans children by their peers and even by some teachers. I would try to protect them to the best of my ability, but I'm sure their emotional scars remain. No child should grow up feeling like the system and laws regard them as freaks and that there is nothing in place to protect them.

Any bill that victimizes children and spreads hate doesn't deserve to go to the next level. You have the power to prevent those bills of gender discrimination from going any further. Stop them all by voting no.

Most sincerely,
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