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Trans women in Maine already face serious barriers to accessing appropriate shelter, not to mention disproportionate risks of violence, when they are unhoused. Shelters know how to keep all women safe and have been doing it for years.

I am a cisgender woman who supports the Constitution and whose religion operates from the principle that ALL people have inherent worth and dignity. Since trans people are people, Maine law needs to protect trans women's right to access shelter.

The issues of sports participation are already being handled appropriately by the correct organizations and governing associations to ensure fairness. Changes to Maine law are unnecessary and help no one. This is a draconian attempt to dehumanize trans people. Trans people are human and, by being so, are entitled to the fundamental human right to be treated fairly by the law. For these reasons, I am against LD 1337.