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LD 1337

I strongly oppose LD 1337. Trans women in Maine already face significant barriers to shelter access and disproportionate risks of violence when unhoused. Maine shelters have successfully maintained safety for all women for years. As a cisgender woman who values constitutional rights and believes in the inherent worth and dignity of ALL people, I affirm that Maine law must protect trans women's right to access shelter. Regarding sports, appropriate organizations are already handling participation guidelines to ensure fairness, making changes to Maine law unnecessary and helpful to no one. LD 1337 represents a draconian attempt to dehumanize trans people, who deserve the fundamental human right to fair treatment under the law. Trans people are people, and our laws must reflect this basic truth.