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I grew up here in Winterport and Orono and I think this bill is weird nonsense that's been imported from cynical national political groups. Mainers need to reject these kinds of attacks on our state, on children and on childhood. All they accomplish is harming kids who just want to play sports with their friends. They have no justification beyond rank bigotry. Just remember whatever the proponents say, what they are proposing is policing who 12 year olds play games with. They have literally no legitimate justifications for their laws. Do not take these clowns seriously.

To demonstrate just how little the supporters of this bill actually care about kids: You'll note that they never talk about trans boys who their laws would force to play with girls.

Not talking about trans boys (that is, kids who were assigned female at birth, but are transitioning), leads to nonsense like Mack Beggs being forced to wrestle girls in Texas. Go look him up, the pictures are iconic, and amount to what the proponents of these bills claim they're trying to avoid, even while he only ever ended up playing against girls BECAUSE OF THEM.

This bills are an embarrassment and folks supporting them should not be taken seriously. They are not treating our institutions or our people with respect.