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I VERY STRONGLY URGE you to vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD1337, An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female Athletes and Safety in Women's Single-sex Shelters. I cannot imagine what the young girls are going through today in their schools and at their sporting events. It was bad enough to have to get undressed in front of other girls, I can't imagine having to do so in front of a biological boy. Yes, biological boy. There is no change the science of being male or female. Unless you can change the hormones, it doesn't matter how much anatomy you cut off. You're still the biological sex you were born. Can you be born with an extra X chromosome? Yes. But it doesn't change the fact you have a Y chromosome. If you are born with the sexual anatomy of a a boy, you have at least one Y chromosome and you are a male. It is simple science. No amount of "wishful" or "hysterical" thinking will change that fact. Trust me. I know this! It has become more important to be "special" than to be "you." I am thankful I was raised to like myself for who I am, and I did the same for my children. There is a great peace from within that comes from liking yourself and being proud of who you are. Growing up is hard enough as it is, why make it even harder for our children?! PLEASE, I IMPLORE YOU, vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD 1337, and help our children be proud of themselves for who they are on the outside as well as the inside. THANK YOU!