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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is River Weinstock I'm a resident of Starks. I am writing in opposition of the bills before the committee today.

These bills seek to further restrict the rights of a small minority group who has been under attack by politicians for years due to bigotry. This bill is not designed with the aim to protect female athletes but rather to continue the baseless political attacks against trans people, who to this day, have not physically harmed a single female athlete. There are plenty of other concrete and helpful ways to address the safety of female athletes without harming trans people. Putting trans people in restrooms aligned with their assigned gender at birth puts them at risk of harassment and physical and sexual assault. There have been no cases of trans people harassing or assaulting people in public bathrooms and changing rooms, while there have been countless stories of trans people being harassed or assaulted for needing to use a restroom.

This bill makes going to the bathroom a dangerous feat when it should be simple and safe.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills. Thank you.