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LD 868

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RE: Opposition to LD 233, LD 868, LD 1002, LD 1134, LD 1704, LD 1337, LD 1432, and LD 380

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Kelin Welborn, and I'm a proud resident of Maine. I'm writing today in strong opposition to the proposed bills targeting transgender youth and the broader LGBTQ+ community.

These bills do not reflect the values of care, inclusion, and fairness that I believe Maine stands for. Instead, they promote fear, division, and discrimination—especially against some of our most vulnerable young people. As someone who deeply values the well-being of all children, I'm heartbroken to see legislation that would strip students of their dignity and right to simply be themselves at school and in their communities.

Proposals that would ban transgender girls from participating in school sports or roll back protections under the Maine Human Rights Act are not about fairness—they are about exclusion. They send a dangerous message: that some children are less worthy of protection, less deserving of joy, and less human. These efforts do not make our schools safer. They invite bullying, isolation, and mental health struggles for all girls, trans and cis alike.

Let's be clear—these bills are not grounded in the realities of Maine kids. They are part of a broader, harmful political movement that uses trans youth as scapegoats. I urge this committee to listen to the voices of educators, families, health professionals, and students who know the truth: every child deserves to be treated with respect and compassion.

I want Maine to be a place where every young person can thrive—no matter their gender identity. That means protecting their rights, not taking them away.

Please vote NO on these bills.

Thank you,
Kelin Welborn
Maine Resident