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LD 1337

I, Holly Williams, a resident of Levant, am submitting written testimony against LD 1337: An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female Athletes and Safety in Women's Single-sex Shelters.

Women in shelters may be trying to escape an abusive relationship, dealing with a substance use problem, or are facing mental health challenges. If you add on top of that the fact that you are a member of the LGBTQ+ community, you are facing a world that seem to be against you. Trans women are women. They deserve to have a place to lay their head down at night that is not a sidewalk or a park bench. They are human.

This is the piece that seems to be missing from all of these bills being suggested. Trans people are people. I'm truly confused on why you can't see that. This bill would literally allow a private shelter to discriminate. Period.

Please don't vote for this. Please start thinking about trans people as people. This bill helps absolutely no one.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to pass" on this bill. Thank you.