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As a parent, former teacher, and community member I know that these bills will hurt our Maine communities and schools. I urge you to consider voting against amending Maine's Human Rights Act.

Our Maine communities and schools should provide supportive environments where every citizen, child, adolescent or adult can feel supported in all facets of life. Communities and schools are strengthened and improved when more of our children participate in extracurricular activities, and are recognized for their need for protections.

I urge your continued support for the provision of emergency services, access to safe shelter, the retention of support for the use of gender identity as well as continued access for minors to consent and access gender affirming health care.