

Gloria Aponte Clarke
Portland
LD 2239

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Gloria Aponte Clarke. I am a resident of Portland and I am writing as a mother whose children attended public school and a person that has been involved in organized sports for many years. I am writing in opposition to proposed ballot measure, LD 2239.

I oppose this ballot measure for many reasons. This ballot measure would repeal our foundational Maine Human Rights Act and leave Mainers with fewer civil rights protections. This is a time when our human rights need more protections. Also this is an extreme blanket ban. Mainers and our Maine communities are unique and different in so many wonderful ways. This blanket ban is poorly written, vague and would cause so much distress and chaos and distraction for schools and students. It is clear this proposal was funded by someone out of state that does not know Mainers.. doesn't know our values and that we care for children. Mainers protect our own and won't be swayed by an out of state billionaire.

I appreciate being able to express opposition to LD 2239. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Gloria Aponte Clarke