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LD 2239

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

I am opposed to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239. This proposed measure is an extreme, blanket ban, its language is a vague, poorly defined approach that would be difficult and expensive for schools to implement, causing chaos and distraction for students. It opens huge litigation risks for schools.

Trans kids are kids. Trans people are people. This proposed measure seeks to strip away the civil rights and human dignity of a particularly vulnerable population. We cannot allow our state to descend the slippery slope into government overwatch of our bodies.

Our state laws must protect our freedom and civil rights. We cannot allow government to police or control our bodies. This proposal would repeal the Maine Human Rights Act and leave Mainers with fewer civil rights protections.

As you know, this proposal was funded entirely by an out-of-state billionaire. Maine won't sell our democracy, our civil rights, to the highest bidder. Other states have made similar declarations at the polls over this past year.

Thank you for reading my submission. This process is a critical part of our democratic system of government.

Sincerely,  
Robin Coerr