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

My name is Christine Curci and I live in Cumberland, Maine. As a mother, grandmother and prior school social worker I want to express my opposition to the proposed ballot measure LD2239.

To me, the ballot measure is not only poorly written but takes a approaches the situation as though all circumstances are the same. If enacted it will require policing that is completely unnecessary and takes away from our ability to focus on truly pressing issues in sports such as lack of funding, and inequity in access. Teachers do enough and are stressed enough. They do not need this added to their plate.

Maine has been a leader in protecting everyones civil rights. Passage of this bill would irreparably damage that and open the door to more litigation than schools need or can handle.

Furthermore, I think if we look carefully we will find the funding for this bill suspect: out of state billionaires who want to influence the midterm elections. Maine has never sold its youth out to these kinds of manipulative acts and should not start now.

Thank you for listening. and for allowing me the opportunity to share my perspective with the committee

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