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

My name is Barbara Davis and I live in Camden, ME. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 30 years experience helping people of various backgrounds and situations improve their lives. And I have seen first hand the devastating effects of gender dysphoria and the harm caused by systems that discriminate against and deny the identity of trans people of all ages.

I am opposed to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239.

The proposed ballot measure is extreme and harmful. It is vague and will cause undo chaos and additional work for our already strapped teachers and school staff. If passed, the ban will hurt our students and our teachers. Our energy should be spent addressing inequities in education and around the state, but not on checking all students' birth certificates at the bathroom door. That would be an invasive, shameful practice and one that would use our school's scarce resources to harm students, distracting teachers and students from the job of teaching and learning. Our State laws protect freedom and fairness. This measure would open the door to the government controlling our bodies and would repeal the Maine Human Rights Act. That would make Maine a less desirable and safe place for all.

We must prevent this measure from going into law.

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

Sincerely

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