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LD 2239  
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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Esteemed Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Chelsea DeLorme and I'm writing in opposition to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239.

As an American citizen I'm concerned about fundamental freedoms such as bodily autonomy and am suspicious of any measure that threatens that autonomy for any person, but minors in particular, as they rely on adults for protection. We have the Maine Human Rights Act for good reasons.

This blanket policy does not have a clear path for implementation and would place undue, unjust, and downright unacceptable burdens on our schools and staff--people who are already diligent in keeping our schools safe, welcoming, and fair.

LD 2239 is an-out-of-state answer to a manufactured problem. As lawmakers, you have seen this playbook before and I thank you in advance for recognizing this for what it is: A fear-mongering initiative for political gain. Pursuing this measure would only increase those fears--not allay them--while creating further divisions and misunderstandings.

We need education, not intimidation. And we need to use our limited resources wisely.

Thank you for considering what it's like to walk in these students' shoes and to be their family, friends, and community members. As I write to you, I'm holding several young people in my heart. They are loved, they are respected for who they are, and they are not a threat. They are the classmates, friends, teammates and neighbors of my own children--and many more. They are real, whole people and not political pawns.

With appreciation for your service to Mainers,  
Chelsea DeLorme