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LD 2239

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To Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. My name is Dan Dickey, I'm a 26 year old man and lifelong Mainer currently living in Spruce Head, and I am opposed to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239.

I believe this proposed legislation falls well beyond the scope of authority that's appropriate for the state government to command over the individuality and agency of Maine youths and educators. The proposal's vague and generalizing language would make its implementation an excessively challenging and costly demand on our educators. This legislation would require invasive and degrading practices to verify a student's biological sex and to enforce the segregation of students based on that classification, a classification over which they're given absolutely no say. A classification that will determine WHAT these youths can participate in, and WHO they get to participate with. This proposition is inherently alienating and hostile toward transgender Mainers, and betrays some of the core beliefs that make up the bedrock of our community; the belief that ALL people should be entitled to dignity, privacy, respect, and agency over their beliefs, their bodies, and their sense of self, and I believe this legislation would be an impediment to those fundamental rights and values of Maine students and educators.

I'm very grateful for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee, and to speak my piece on something so important to me and countless other Mainers.

Thank you very much for your time,
- Dan