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LD 2239

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

My name is Elizabeth Du Rocher. I am a resident of Winthrop, Maine.

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

This initiated bill demands that girls prove to gatekeepers that they are girls. Prove they have a vagina? How are a child's genitalia ANYONE's business? I understand that the proposed way to prove that they have a vagina is through their birth certificate. Great. We are still talking about what is in other people's children's pants. Not okay. Anytime someone is expected to justify themselves by showing their papers, it is a show of power for the gatekeeper and an indignity for the person expected to justify themselves. Double that when it is about sex or gender. Women and girls face enough indignity and intrusion. We definitely do not need old men standing outside of toilets and locker rooms judging whether we are feminine enough to enter without confrontation. Whatever its intended purpose, LD 2239 is invasive, unnecessary, and potentially menacing.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee.