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My children excelled academically more than athletically in the Caribou/ MSSM school systems, but they all had the opportunity to participate in sports without the expectation of Olympic achievement or scholarships. It offered them opportunity to be a part of a team, to improve skills, to make friends which I view as part of the mission of the public school system. I believe our states laws must protect freedom and fairness for all of our children.

This proposed ballot measure is an **extreme, blanket ban** and a distraction from the important funding of education in Maine. The proposal's language is a vague, poorly defined, and implementation would be absurd with school personal potentially performing genital exams or checking birth certificates. This is a huge litigation risk for schools and potentially exposes Maine children to no end of adult sexual perverts.

Finally, I am appalled that one out of state billionaire has the ability to use his money and force his anti-trans agenda on Maine citizens and children. Why? To buy the midterm elections? Do not let this happen in our state.

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

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