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LD 2239

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

My name is Alison, I am a resident of Yarmouth and a mom of two kids in Yarmouth Public Schools. I am opposed to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239.

In my experience, public school leaders in Maine consistently show respect for kids of all backgrounds and identities and create a culture where all kids can belong. Requiring kids to show a birth certificate to prove they can use the bathroom they feel most comfortable in would be a stark violation of that respectful culture. Denying kids the opportunity to play sports because the sex assigned on their certificate doesn't align with their identity is discrimination. I object to having our government force schools to comply with these proposed standards - our schools need time money and energy to be directed in endeavors that will more positively impact educational outcomes.

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