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LD 2239

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

My name is Karen Hindall. I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth, ME, I am tired of the ongoing onslaught of frightening anti-trans rhetoric. I am writing in opposition to the proposed anti-trans ballot measure, LD 2239.

LD2239 is yet another effort to needlessly target transgender students and exclude them from full participation in school activities and spaces. I have read the proposed ballot measure. Measures like cause unnecessary fear. Maine does not need a ban, with vague language, funded by out of state interests who have no business interfering with Maine policy. Instead of putting so much money, time, and energy into policing and controlling bodies, we could instead address inequalities in sports, including lack of funding and unequal access to facilities. There IS a way to create bathrooms and changing areas that would allow ALL students to be comfortable. In addition, trans athletes in the schools are not a threat to anyone. They do not need to be targeted or singled out anymore than any other population of student needs to be.

This proposal would repeal our foundational Maine Human Rights Act and leave Mainers with fewer civil rights protections. This initiative is not about sports, fairness, or women's rights, and I know that rolling back basic human rights for anyone impacts everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee.

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