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

My name is Lauren Jacobs, I am a resident of Old Town, and I am writing to share my opposition to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239.

As an educator, a coach, and a former athlete, I am deeply opposed to the proposed legislation that would open the door to the government policing young people's bodies. The concept of checking every student's birth certificate before allowing them to practice, compete, or use a bathroom is absurd. But the alternative – passing judgement and deciding which student's gender "needs" to be checked – is even worse. Schools have enough to worry about without dealing with an extremely broad, vaguely worded law that will be expensive and chaotic to implement.

Maine schools and the sports programs that are part of them should be places where we help young people foster strong connections to their community and their peers, build inclusive and welcoming environments, and become our state's future leaders. This law would do the opposite, making sports and school a place of political divisiveness in a way that will cause real harm to many students, not only those that are transgender.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee, and I appreciate your taking it into consideration as you reflect upon this proposed ballot measure.

Sincerely,

Lauren Jacobs