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

My name is Diane Money and I'm a resident of South Berwick. I'm also a clinical social worker and gender specialist in private practice. I'm opposed to the proposed ballot measure, **LD 2239**. This ballot measure is extreme, and a blanket ban that doesn't make sense for Maine communities. The language is vague, and it would be very problematic for the schools to implement. It would only cause confusion and open schools up to expensive litigation. I'm also very concerned that it's been entirely funded by an out of state billionaire and it appears to be a ploy to influence the 2026 midterm elections. The people of Maine can't be bought or bribed.

This proposed ballot initiative would repeal the foundational Maine Human Rights Act which would limit the civil liberties of Mainers. I don't support laws or government policing of our bodies.

Our resources should be used to address inequalities in sports, including lack of funding and unequal access to facilities. With this measure, schools would need to use their scarce resources on requirements like having staff check all students birth certificates just for students to use the bathroom.

Mostly I don't believe that restrictions should be put on transgender students. These students, who are in the minority, should have the same rights and privileges as any other student, and should be allowed to play sports. There is no need for this ballot measure and I strongly oppose **LD 2239**.

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

