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

My name is Samantha Paradis, I'm a resident of Fort Kent, and I am here to oppose the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239. The proposed ballot measure is an extreme, blanket ban that doesn't fit in Maine communities. The proposal's language is a vague, poorly defined, "one-size-fits all" approach that would be difficult and expensive for schools to implement, likely causing more chaos and distraction for students, and opens huge litigation risks for schools.

Our state laws must protect freedom and fairness: We cannot open the door to laws and government policing or controlling our bodies. This proposal would repeal our foundational Maine Human Rights Act and leave Mainers with fewer civil rights protections.

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