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LD 2239

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

My name is Laura Rigby, I'm a resident of Yarmouth, and I'm parent of two young children. I am opposed to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239.

This one-sized-fits-all proposal will be difficult and expensive for schools to implement. Schools should be a place of focus and learning, not one of policing.

I care deeply about the safety of our children, which is why I oppose this measure. Nearly half of trans kids seriously consider suicide because of social stigma and rejection. The emotional toll of losing a soccer game is significantly lower than losing a life, and I'd consider learning how to lose (if that is even the outcome of trans kids on the other sports team, which is not guaranteed) a critical life skill. I work hard to teach my children to respect all people for who they are, even if there are differences between them. This measure does not create an environment to do that.

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