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Att: Susan Young
Letters to the Editor
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RE: Wednesday, December 19
Mainer Upset Boy Using Girls Restroom

Oh Great! Now Michael Heath and his American version of the Taliban have decided it's open season for harassing, intimidating, and attacking our transgendered grade school children in his continuing efforts to force his version of spiritual purity on the rest of us! We have a law in Maine protecting folks from just such harassment, and the actions of the so-called "Christian" Civic League show exactly why that law was needed. That child only wants to attend school, to learn, to be with the rest of her friends, and to be who she is. The Orono school board is doing their best to follow the laws of this state and to juggle everyone's competing interests, and they are to be commended. If the folks at the CCL want to ignore the current understanding and knowledge within the psychological community about our gender identity and its formation, they are free to do so. But I am Christian, and I pay taxes to support our schools, and I am tired of other people trying to tell me that only their ultra-conservative, fundamentalist, and (in my opinion) un-Christian view of the world is the only one to have. I think there is room for everyone in God's creation and that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity; and I think that is especially true when it comes to our children. Michael Heath, the CCL, and Paul Melanson should all be ashamed of themselves.

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