

TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY AMY OLSON

Maine Joint Committee on Judiciary LD 868, An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools

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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Amy Olson. I am an ambassador for Independent Women, a professional golfer on the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour, a proud mother, and an advocate for fairness in women's sports. I urge you to support Maine LD 868, An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools.

Since I was nine years old, I have dedicated my life to becoming the best athlete I could be. I trained rigorously, lifted weights, and pushed myself to maximize the potential of my body. My commitment to golf has allowed me to compete at the highest level, earning accolades such as holding the NCAA record for 20 collegiate wins and competing professionally on the LPGA Tour for 10 years. However, the opportunities I worked so hard for are now under threat due to policies that disregard the biological differences between men and women.

In women's golf, this issue has come to the forefront with male competitors, displacing female athletes in professional tournaments.

Males inherently possess [physical advantages](#) over females, even after hormone therapy. These advantages—greater upper body strength, higher clubhead speed, and longer driving distances—are significant in golf, where every yard matters. Women's sports exist to provide female athletes with a fair chance to compete, excel, and achieve their dreams.

LD 868 is a necessary step to protect fairness and equal opportunity. By clearly defining sex-based terms such as “female” and “male,” this bill ensures that women's sports remain a space where females can compete on an even playing field. It also safeguards single-sex spaces, where women and girls deserve privacy and safety.

Women's sports are about more than trophies. They are a foundation for developing leadership, character, and resilience. My own journey in golf has shaped who I am today, and I want my daughter to have the same opportunities I had to grow, compete, and excel in a fair environment. Without legislative action, I fear that future generations of female athletes will be robbed of these experiences.

As a mother and a professional athlete, I believe it is my responsibility to stand up for what is right. Supporting LD 868 is not about excluding anyone; it is about ensuring fairness and safeguarding the opportunities that women and girls deserve.

I urge this committee to support LD 868 and take a stand for fairness, integrity, and the protection of women in Maine.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amy Olson
Ambassador
Independent Women