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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Regarding L.D. 233, "An Act to Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females When State Funding Is Provided to the School."

Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I'm Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support LD 233, "An Act to Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females When State Funding Is Provided to the School."

Our governor, Janet Mills, has been in the headlines of media for weeks now because she embarrassed herself and our State of Maine with her indignant message to our President, Donald J. Trump, when she was invited to the White House with all the governors in the United States. President Trump asked her specifically if she was going to obey the law keeping males out of women's sports, and after dodging the question, she told him she'd "see him in court."

Since that time, she has been backpedaling her stand on the issue, especially since Gov. Gavin Newsom, from the state Maine seems to take its cues from, has changed his mind on the issue, and is now willing to keep men and boys out of girls' sports teams and events in California.

God made man in His image, male and female, He made them. No matter what each person tries to do, his (generic) sex will always be what he is born with. That's a scientific fact that can't be disputed. For so many years, the left has tried to silence us from speaking the truth, but we won't be silence anymore. Males in women's sports have caused women to lose scholarships and prizes because they are masculine and built differently, more rugged and stronger, say nothing of the injuries women have endured from them. It's not fair and needs to stop. Women also have the right to be protected from males in their locker rooms and other private spaces. Adults running these athletic programs must be informed enough to realize the importance of that.

I urge this committee to vote "ought to pass" on LD 233. Thank you.