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LD 868

Judiciary Committee
c/o Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Maine State Legislature
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RE: Support for LD 868 — A Necessary Stand Against Radical Leftist Overreach

To the Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

As a lifelong conservative, a Mainer who still believes in God, country, and common sense, I write to express my firm support for LD 868—because it's long past time we put a stop to the moral chaos being pushed into our schools under the banner of “progress.”

The radical Left, with full backing from the Democrat Party, has been using our education system as a testing ground for its ideological experiments—stripping parents of their rights, confusing kids with gender theories that wouldn't have been taken seriously ten years ago, and labeling any resistance as “bigotry.” Enough is enough!

LD 868 is not a woke bill. It's a pushback against the nonsense. It reaffirms the rights of schools, parents, and local communities to maintain reasonable, orderly, and respectful policies around bathrooms, athletics, housing, and gender identification. In fact, this bill offers the structure we need to ensure that school environments are safe for all students—without being hijacked by activist agendas.

Let's be honest: liberal lawmakers have thrown biology, tradition, and reality out the window in their effort to appease a tiny but loud activist minority. Under their leadership, girls are being forced to share locker rooms with biological males, boys are being told they can become girls overnight, and teachers are being threatened for refusing to play along. This isn't inclusion—it's insanity!

But what do conservatives stand for?

We believe:

In objective truth—not gender theory cooked up in college classrooms!

In protecting children from psychological and physical harm!

In keeping government in its lane and stopping it from forcing social experiments onto families and schools!

In basic privacy, safety, and decency—values that used to be bipartisan before the Left lost the plot!

LD 868 offers a sensible, measured way forward. It gives clarity. It reins in confusion. And most importantly, it says to the people of Maine: we hear you, and we will not let far-left activists dictate how we raise and protect our children!

I urge you to support this bill without watering it down. Show the people of Maine that not every committee in Augusta has been captured by radicalism. LD 868 deserves your full vote and your unapologetic endorsement.

Let the Left call it what they want. We call it common sense.

Respectfully,
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