

The Join Standing Judiciary Committee
Testimony of Catey Draper, Cape Elizabeth, ME

Against LD 1337

LD 1337: An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female Athletes and
Safety in Women's Single-sex Shelters

May 8, 2025

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

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Catey Draper, and I
am a resident of Cape Elizabeth, ME. I am testifying in opposition to LD 1337.

The act to amend the Maine Human Rights Act regarding female athletes and safety in
women's single-sex shelters will hurt my school-aged friends and neighbors. The issues of
sports participation are already being handled appropriately by the correct organizations
and governing associations to ensure fairness. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination and
does not require a prohibition on transgender or intersex athletes. The Maine Human Rights
Act adopted protections for gender identity in 2005. Changes to Maine law are unnecessary
and help no one, regardless of gender.

Respectfully,

Catey Draper
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