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To Members of Judiciary Committee:

In Support of 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

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing as a female, as a former athlete (3 sports, 4 years in HS and college), as the mother of a female athlete, as a former business owner, a woman married to a woman, and a Maine taxpayer. This act to prohibit biological males and those who identify as woman, but who are not, from competing in sports and changing or being in private spaces with girls and women is nothing but common sense. It is also something that over 70% of the citizens of Maine approve. We don't want our girls, our daughters, competing against boys who for whatever reason decide they now want to be female. It is not right or fair.

Women have been subjected to injustices for a long time. We thought we were winning with Title 9 and the introduction of girls and women's sports. We thought our legislators had finally come to their senses and realized that we should be allowed the same opportunities for advancement, whether in school, the workplace or on the playing field. But the bills allowing boys into girls'/women's has taken us back 50 years.

What is so disturbing to me, besides allowing *children* to make life long detrimental decisions at a very young age and before they know enough to make that decision, is that one person's feelings are more important than all of the girls and women who have trained hard to get to where they are only to lose out to a guy. His decision to change is allowed to affect not only their ability to perform well, but also their mental anguish of having to dress and undress in front of biological boys and men. Where is the common sense in this? Just because some guy wants to be a girl doesn't make him one overnight.

This bill should pass with flying colors. The legislators need to stop being held hostage by the trans community, who have lined Governor Mill's pockets with donations. Girls and women need to compete against other girls and women, not those who want to be us or think they are. They aren't and the laws that are governing our schools and sports currently are not fair, just or right. This bill and others removing "gender identify" in its language would go a long way to correct the damage.

Thank you for considering this.
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