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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. I am Representative Randy Greenwood, proudly representing my friends and neighbors in Litchfield, Monmouth and my hometown of Wales, both in Androscoggin and Kennebec Counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony 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.**”

This bill seeks to preserve opportunities for biological females—who, by definition, face unique physiological and developmental realities that impact athletic performance. Numerous studies and longstanding sports science confirm that, on average, biological males possess inherent physical advantages in strength, speed, lung capacity, and bone density. These differences can significantly impact competitive fairness when males participate in female-designated athletic events.

The purpose of sex-separated sports, particularly in educational settings, is to provide equitable opportunity. Title IX was enacted to address historical imbalances and expand access for girls and women. Permitting biological males to compete in female categories, regardless of gender identity, risks undermining those protections and reversing progress. It can displace female athletes from podium positions, team spots, and scholarship opportunities.

This legislation does not prohibit anyone from participating in sports—it merely ensures that when a sports team or activity is designated for females, it is reserved for biological females to maintain the integrity and fairness of that designation. It does not exclude anyone from participation; rather, it affirms the purpose of female-specific categories in sports: to provide a level playing field.

Critics may argue this bill targets or marginalizes transgender students. That is not the intention nor the effect. Students of all identities have the right to compete—but the rules and categories must be fair and grounded in biological reality, particularly when taxpayer dollars are involved and when the stakes are the equitable development of student-athletes.

In closing, as a father of a young daughter, I am cosponsoring this bill to protect my daughter, and all young women. Giving the opportunities for female athletes to uphold fairness in competition, and ensure that our laws reflect the biological distinctions that make separate sports categories necessary in the first place.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.