

LD 868 A BILL TO ENSURE SAFETY AND EQUITY IN ATHLETICS

Greetings to the House Judiciary Committee!

My name is Gordon Davis. My wife, Claire, and I live in Lewiston.

I find it hard to believe that there is a need for me to even be here today to speak regarding a bill of this nature. You would think that when addressing adults that this would be just plain common sense. Yes, I understand that some boys suffer from gender confusion. But in the past parents, teachers and significant others in boys' lives would help them accept the gender with which they were born.

But that is not the case today! So here I am asking you to vote in favor of this bill, LD 868, a bill to ensure equity and safety for girls in athletics and the locker rooms and rest rooms that they use. My granddaughters and, yes, all girls and women simply deserve this fairness and protection. A boy's perception of his gender identity should not give him the right to compete in girls sports and use their locker rooms, etc.

Boys and men, as they develop, have a physical advantage over girls and women. It is not fair for them to compete on the same playing field as girls and women. Period.

Also, as we all know, boys and girls as they develop experience raging hormones. Girls deserve their own personal space in places where they ought to have privacy. This is a very good reason why they should have separate facilities.

What more can I say? Let's send this bill to the full legislature with a recommendation that it ought to pass.