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Testimony on

L.D. 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*”

**Presented by
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Judiciary Committee
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Good morning, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

I am State Representative Richard H. Campbell, and I proudly represent District 19, Eddington, Holden, and Orrington. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to present L.D. 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 issue was brought to my attention by several constituents, as well as many people supporting women’s sports at the University of Maine and area high schools. With Maine attracting attention in national headlines, I believe now, more than ever, is time to address the issue of biological males competing in women’s athletics.

Maine women are very strong, and with Title IX, women throughout the nation have fought for 50 years to be on equal footing in athletics. This small glitch has, in turn, set equality back 50 years.

As all experienced legislators know, once a bill is presented to committee, it is no longer their bill. I offer L.D. 233 to the Judiciary Committee and hope this panel, in all its wisdom and professional experience, can have thorough and thoughtful deliberation to carefully craft language that will solve this critical issue for the myriad of reasons we are all aware of!

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce L.D. 233, and for your consideration.