

Testimony in Support of LD868
Maine Judiciary Committee—May 2025

Good morning, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and esteemed members of the Judiciary committee. My name is Janice Flynn, I am from Freeport, Maine, and I am here to urge you to support LD868 sponsored by Representative Elizabeth Caruso. I believe this bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Title IX was put in place for valid reasons, and for 50 years, it has protected against sex-based discrimination and ensured fair competition and access to opportunities. Maine's current policies allowing males to participate in girls' sports and to use girls' facilities compromise the privacy rights of girls, their basic right to both physical and emotional safety and the integrity of girls' athletics.

I came here today as a grandparent, a children's advocate, and someone who believes in fairness for all students. LD868 offers a real path to inclusion for all students and helps to restore the original intent of Title IX, which is to prohibit discrimination based on sex, not gender. I urge you to vote OUGHT TO PASS for LD868 so that Maine can begin to restore safety, dignity, privacy and fairness for its girls.