Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Sandra Labonte and I live in Searsport. Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony and for your serving the State of Maine.

I stand here today in support of LD 233, LD 1134, LD 868, LD 1002 and LD 1074. In short, all these bills pertain to biological males in female sports or using female restrooms, etc.

What makes a male a male? Is it your choice based on your feelings or is it the male XY chromosome based on fact? Whatever happened to science and the eternal truth that we are born either male or female? But suddenly we apparently have new revelation and new truth.

Girls train for years in any given sport to be the best, only to have a male come along who has taken a hormone to exhibit some female characteristics. Because he still has, and will always have male body parts and male characteristics as well, he will almost always win in a competition against a female. That is not "fair" because the female is all female and the male is still male but with some female characteristics. How is this fair?

We often use the word "equity" in our world today. We say that everything has to be equitable. I looked up the word, and it means "dealing fairly with all concerned". How is this dealing fairly with girls?

In the world of sports, boys are stronger and faster than girls. This is not only unfair in competition, but it is also unsafe. This is a war on our girls who work so hard to achieve the best in their given sport.

Lastly, I strongly object to males using female restrooms. Separate restrooms for each please!

Thank you for your time.

Please vote "Ought to pass".