



Dear Governor Mills and Members of the Legislature,

We, the undersigned ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ [178 church leaders from 25 denominations and all 16 Maine counties], write to you with deep conviction and concern regarding the injustice of forcing young female athletes to compete against biological males.

As spiritual leaders, we are compelled to speak not only on the grounds of fairness and safety but also on the immutable truth revealed in God's Word: that He created us in His image, distinctly male and female (*Genesis 1:27*). Policies that ignore these biological and Biblical realities do a great disservice to young women and undermine the very essence of fair competition.

At its core, this is not merely a political issue—it is a spiritual one. From the beginning, Satan has sought to distort and destroy what God has called good. Today, that deception tells young people they are not enough as God made them, that peace can be found by altering their bodies, their identities, and their very nature. Yet true peace is not found in changing what God has ordained—it is found in Christ, who alone transforms hearts and makes us new (*2 Corinthians 5:17*).

In addressing this injustice, we do so with compassion for those young people and their families who are struggling with their gender identity, but stripping young female athletes of the opportunities they have worked so hard to earn and placing them in physical disadvantage and possible harm is not the answer.

We also acknowledge the weight of public service and the Biblical call to honor governing authorities (*Romans 13:1*) and pray for those in leadership (*1 Timothy 2:1-2*). In that spirit, we thank you for your service and pray that you will seek the wisdom of the Lord in addressing this pressing issue.

We urge you to act swiftly to restore fairness in women's sports, ensuring that our laws uphold both truth and justice for the next generation.

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