

Greetings! Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Committee on Judiciary.

My name is Alicia Collins. I represent the towns of Sidney and Vassalboro in District 61.

I am here to testify in favor, and ask for your support of LD 233, 868, 1002, 1134 and 1704.

As usual, I will keep my testimony brief because there are many ladies behind me who are living in the reality of biological men in their changing rooms, biological men in their bathrooms and biological men destroying their opportunities at college scholarships.

One mother, Kathleen Boisvert, reached out to me, upset because her daughter was in attendance when a biological male won the Class B pole vaulting competition – you know the one.

The mom went on to describe the investment her daughter has made in her athletic career and the financial investment the family has made.

She said the “rightful” winners the night of the competition were the girls from Freeport. But because of the athletic advantage of the biological boy from Greely High School, Freeport lost by one point.

This mom wanted to know “why are our State Representatives sitting back and allowing this to happen here in Maine?”

I assured her we are listening, and we are taking steps to level the playing field. These bills are those first steps.

Let’s separate the biological male and biological female athletes into their respective categories.

Some of you know, I’m an athlete. I compete in Strongman. The sport where heavy Atlas Stones are lifted onto a platform. The weights go up as you work your way down the platform.

Even in the top shape of my life, male athletes in this sport, the same weight as I am, can dominate. For example, the 4th stone on the mat, for me, would be about 150 pounds. The 4th stone on the mat for the male would be well over 200 pounds and in some events over 300.

Would it be fair for a biological male to step onto the mat with me?

Let’s make high school sports fair again – support these bills.

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

Alicia C. Collins

State Representative