



CHRISTIAN CIVIC LEAGUE OF MAINE

Testimony in Support of LD 2239: An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, I am Holly Lusk, on behalf of the Christian Civic League of Maine. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of legislative passage of LD 2239, An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex.

In the very first chapter of the very first book of the Bible is the story of God's creation of humanity. "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27. God's phenomenal and incomparable design of the universe we inhabit, of the beautiful earth we were lucky enough to inherit, of the bodies He created for us—all of these gifts God found to be "very good." Genesis 1:31. One of the most noteworthy aspects of God's creation is that it follows rules that we have delighted in discovering: rules of physics, rules of chemistry, rules of mathematics! From bears to giraffes to primates, one rule of biology is that mammals are comprised of males and females; there is no third sex. That the Biblical creation story echoes what we know today about biology, and the existence of genes and DNA, reminds us of the permanence of this truth: humans are made male and female.

Denying this foundational truth brings confusion, not peace. We see this confusion play out in locker rooms, in classrooms, on sports fields, and in the hearts of young people. At its root, this issue is not just political—it is spiritual. The Enemy has always attacked what God declared good. And today, that attack is focused on human identity. We say this with compassion: affirming a lie is not love. Protecting girls' sports, privacy, and safety is not an act of hatred—it's an act of truth and love. We must love the truth, and we must live the truth. We must acknowledge the truth of sex-based differences. Then do we recognize the ordinary goodness to be found in our daughter's opportunity to compete fairly, to use the bathroom without fear of a male walking in, and to change out of her swimsuit in the locker room without having a man watching her, *all of which was taken for granted when we were on school sports teams*. To tell the high schooler in the locker room that she must ignore that tense, sick feeling in her gut, and not only accommodate but celebrate the presence of a male as she changes her clothes for gym class, is gaslighting, and it only serves to compound the harm of the underlying lie. It is false, it is ugly, and it is wrong.

LD 2239 reflects the truth, and we urge its passage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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