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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Kristina Parker and I live in Waterville, Maine.

As a society, we have come to reject racism and sexism. We have cemented free speech into our daily lives and defended rights to privacy and protection to where they were no longer questioned.

Relatively recently in the time of human existence, women advocated for themselves when it came to the right to vote, to be heard, to participate in athletics, and to be the absolute best in a sports category...

For a brief period, barely 100 years. Those rights were protected and secured.

And now they're being walked back, somehow, in the name of "equality and fairness," when the reality is quite the opposite and it is no longer fair

Why is the definition of a woman something that needs to be debated? Why is the reality of biology and the safety of both sexes a political pawn for leftism?

The right to privacy and protection for female athletes is no longer secure in our state.

We can take a stand and support creating specific and clear parameters for Maine's young athletes. I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on this bill and mark a precedent for safe sports for all athletes.

There are women and girls in this country and in this state, who walk into a locker room expecting privacy and safety. They walk onto the field expecting a fair competition where they have the chance with enough work to WIN and to be the best out there.

But their faces fall flat and their courage drops when they see that only 2nd place is possible. Their schools and their state government have not yet taken steps to codify their rights to privacy, safety and the opportunity for pursuing excellence.

They are told they must deny their instincts to be uncomfortable and wary of males in their private spaces.

I played sports growing up and I want everyone to be able to play. Everyone should have the opportunity to play sports. Passing this legislation will not change that. Everyone will still be able to play.

I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 2239

Thank you for your time and I welcome any questions.
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