

*LD 2239: "An Act to Designate School Sports Participation & Facilities by Sex"*

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honored members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Olivia Ground, I'm 24 years old, and I'm from Gardiner. I am writing testimony in support of LD 2239.

Biological men should not be allowed in women's sports. There are biological differences between men and women. These differences can impact performance, which in turn determines awards and scholarships. Some sports require more physical contact which can lead to injury. Biological males can cause physical damage to biological females in contact sports. This is another reason why it is important to keep biological males out of women's sports.

Furthermore, for the safety of women and girls, only biological sex should determine bathroom and locker room access. Allowing biological men into women's bathrooms and locker rooms is a serious safety concern with serious consequences. The consequences include an increasing risk of harassment, sexual assault, and physical violence. Hormone blockers do not change the fact that biological men are stronger, larger, and faster than women.

It is time for the government to stop allowing biological males in women's spaces and sports. It is time for the government to protect women and girls. I respectfully urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 2239.

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