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

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honored members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Laura Whitcomb, I'm a mother to 4 girls and a boy.

My daughter was a stand-out female athlete in Maine her senior year of high school. Graduating in 2024, she was the number one in her position, Volleyball Middle Blocker, for the entire state. Every class, every school – she was the best in Maine.

Volleyball can be a dangerous sport. So much so, that girls who have been forced to play against biological boys have suffered life-altering injuries.

Allowing biological females the ability to excel in their own sports is next to impossible when biological males, who are inherently stronger and faster, compete against them. It is the opposite of everything the women who came before us tried to achieve. The girls who come after her need to have the same opportunity as she did.

Nothing about this proposal prevents trans-gendered individuals from participating in sports. Nothing prevents them from using a private bathroom.

All this legislation does is protect the privacy of biological Maine girls in their bathrooms and locker rooms, and allow them the ability to compete in their athletics of choice in a way that is fair.

Protect Maine girls by supporting their privacy, their opportunity, and their safety with an ought to pass vote on LD 2239.

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