

My name is Abi Hilton and I am writing in support of LD2239. As someone who has been a survivor of sexual assault, I have strong feelings about policies created to protect girls of all ages.

Everyone deserves to feel safe, especially in such vulnerable places as locker rooms and bathrooms. Statistics show one in three women have experienced sexual assault in their lifetime and one in five women have experienced completed or attempted rape. These are not distant concerns- it's real statistics and lived experience.

While passing this bill won't eliminate these statistics, it will help girls feel safe in what are meant to be private and protected spaces. It will also help to ease the fear many girls of all ages have every time they walk into a restroom.

I respectfully urge you to support LD 2239 and take a stand for the safety and well-being of girls across our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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