

Dear Honorary Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am a resident of Newport, and I am writing in support of Bill LD 2239, the "Protect Girls' Sports in Maine Act." The reason I support this legislation is because for too long our great State of Maine, along with many other States in our Union, have bent the knee to radical liberal politics and conceded ground in concession to ludicrous policies in favor of anti-biological stances such as transgenderism and the idea that individuals assigned male at birth can honestly and fairly compete in sports leagues meant for women.

The idea that allowing men to compete in women's sports should be alarming to anyone who believes in honest and fair competition. It is proven scientifically that men's biological capabilities compared to women's are different, and that men have a natural advantage when it comes to athletic competition. One such example is when Serena and Venus Williams, renowned as two of the most prolific female tennis players in the history of the sport, faced Karsten Braasch, who was ranked 203 rd in the world for men at the time. Mr. Braasch defeated them both with ease. How could this happen, you might ask yourselves. This is because, in comparison to men, women have different anatomical structures and thus different athletic capacities than men do. Having biological men competing in women's sports is simply not fair.

The other argument that must be had on this is the safety of women in the locker rooms and showers when having individuals assigned male at birth present. It is disturbing that many have come to the conviction that having males in a female locker room is morally acceptable.

This, historically, has never been the case and it is only recently that this has begun to occur. Even more is it concerning that we are discussing high school sports. These are not just young women, but young girls who are still developing emotionally, physically, and mentally. How traumatic it would be for a girl of that age to have something happen to them because a male was allowed in their locker room. This is not only for moral reasons, but also for the safety of our daughters that we keep males out of their locker rooms, showers, and wash areas. To allow males into those areas designated for women is to invite predatory behavior on the parts of men who should not have access to women in such a way. Protecting our girls should be our highest priority.

I have already stated that transgender ideology is something that should not have ever had been entertained on a major political scale. Gender dysphoria should be seen as a mental illness that should be treated like any other mental deficiency, not as an actual identity to accept as fact. My work is that of a hospital security guard, and I often work with individuals who struggle with mental health challenges. One aspect of my work is interacting with individuals experiencing psychosis. While we do not argue with the individual about their psychosis, we do not affirm it to be reality on a formal medical basis, nor do we allow them to perform harmful behavior to protect their psychosis. By allowing men who think they are women to walk into female locker rooms and compete against women, we are doing just the opposite, which is feeding their delusion and greatly raising the risk of harm to others because of it.

The last point I will make is that our nation was founded on faith in the One True God. It is in our currency, in our government buildings, and found in our constitutional documents. If we as a nation, and us as a State in said nation, are to survive we must uphold those faith-based convictions. Psalm 82:4 of the New American Standard Bible states, "Rescue the weak and needy; save them from the hand of the wicked." How can we sit and not defend our daughters from the wicked who would do them harm? If not for fairness, we must do it for their protection and safety against those who would do them harm. For these reasons, I respectfully and direly urge you the Committee to pass Bill 2239 to protect our daughters in their sports.

Thank you for your continued service to our great state.

Sincerely,
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