

The Join Standing Judiciary Committee  
Testimony of Catey Draper, Cape Elizabeth, ME

Against LD 1134

LD 1134: An Act to Prohibit Males from Participating in Female Sports or Using Female Facilities

May 8, 2025

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Join Standing Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Catey Draper, and I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth, ME. I am testifying in opposition to LD 1134.

This act to prohibit males from participating in female sports or using female facilities will hurt my school-aged friends and neighbors. This bill is unclear in its definition of “facilities”, which could possibly include a bathroom ban. Banning students from bathrooms increases physical and mental health issues. The school environment should be one where every student receives an education in and outside of the classroom and is able to take care of physical needs at the same time.

This gender-based ban would target all girls, making them vulnerable to physical scrutiny and harassment, exacerbating the vulnerable experience of identifying as female. Any attempt to enforce this ban violates the privacy of all Maine women and girls.

The issues of sports participation are already being handled appropriately by the correct organizations and governing associations to ensure fairness. Changes to Maine law are unnecessary and help no one, regardless of gender.

Respectfully,

Catey Draper  
Cape Elizabeth, ME