

TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY DANA FALL

Maine Joint Committee on Judiciary LD 868, An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools

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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Dana Fall. I am an Ambassador for Independent Women and a professional golfer. I urge you to pass Maine LD 868, An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools.

I have been playing golf since I was a kid. I played all through high school and earned a scholarship to play for the University of Nevada Las Vegas. After graduating college, I decided to pursue golf professionally. In 2017, my rookie year, I won the Epson Tour. I qualified for the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour soon after and have been a pro ever since.

As a professional athlete, I have experienced firsthand the challenges that arise when female-only spaces and protections are eroded. I competed in a tournament where I along with hundreds of female golfers were forced to share the course with a male athlete. Despite undergoing hormone therapy, this competitor retained [significant physical advantages](#) that made it impossible for women to compete on equal footing.

These situations are becoming all too common. Women are losing opportunities in sports, education, and other spaces where single-sex considerations are vital. The need for legislative action has never been clearer.

LD 868 is not about exclusion. It is about ensuring that women's rights, privacy, and opportunities are not compromised. This bill provides clarity by defining terms already used in Maine law, ensuring that words like 'female'

and 'male' cannot be reinterpreted to erode the hard-earned protections for women and girls.

If passed, this legislation will ensure that women's single-sex spaces remain safe, secure, and fair.

I urge this committee to stand with the women and girls of Maine and support LD 868, An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dana Fall
Ambassador
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