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Hello members of the committee.

My name is Jamie Hopkins, I live in Owls Head. My testimony is in support of females having an opportunity to safe & fair athletic competitions.

There are many places in society where sex & "gender" doesn't matter, but in some places it matters a lot. Sports is one them.

The United Nations published a study in Oct of 2024 stating-

"Male athletes have specific attributes considered advantageous in certain sports, such as strength and testosterone levels which are higher than the average range for females even before puberty, thereby resulting in the loss of fair opportunity." The study goes on to say, "To avoid the loss of fair opportunity, males must not compete in the female categories of sport."

The integrity of competition is important, and should be upheld. Forcing women to compete and share intimate places with males is not only unsafe & unfair, it is demoralizing to all women & girls.

You have an amazing opportunity here to save women's sports for Maine females. Please consider our testimonies.