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LD 868

Judiciary Committee
c/o Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Maine State Legislature
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Support for LD 868 — A Necessary Stand for a mother in Maine.

To the Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing to you today not as a politician, not as an activist, but as a mother—a mother of a young daughter who I am raising to be strong, kind, and confident in a world that seems increasingly upside-down. I'm urging you to support LD 868 without apology or compromise, because right now, Maine's girls are being left behind in the name of political correctness.

I don't care what the far-left in Augusta says — this is not about hate or fear. This is about common sense. It's about the right of my daughter and every other girl in this state to feel safe, respected, and protected in her own school.

LD 868 sets clear, necessary boundaries when it comes to who can access girls' bathrooms, locker rooms, sports teams, and dorms. That is not "discrimination"—it's basic decency. It's parental rights. It's what every single one of us would have expected when we were in school. What's changed? The answer is: politics.

The truth is, liberal lawmakers and activist groups have prioritized ideological agendas over the safety and privacy of our daughters. They're so desperate to prove how "inclusive" they are, they're willing to sacrifice fairness and facts. They've thrown open the doors to policies that allow biological males into girls' changing rooms and onto their sports teams—and anyone who speaks up is labeled a bigot.

Well, I won't be silenced. I will not stand by while my daughter is told her comfort doesn't matter. That she has to give up her space, her privacy, or her safety just to make someone else feel affirmed. That's not equality. That's erasure.

LD 868 is a chance to draw the line and say: we can respect everyone's rights without sacrificing our daughters' safety and dignity. It restores balance and puts the needs of real, biological girls back at the center of the conversation — where they belong.

I know what the Left will say. I've heard it all before. But I'm telling you as a mother — we are watching. We are talking to each other. And we're not going to forget which lawmakers stood up for our daughters... and which ones bowed to pressure from radical activists.

Stand strong. Pass LD 868. Do it for our girls!

Sincerely,
Toni Maltese
A Concerned Mother in Maine