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LD 1134

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of Maine's Judiciary Committee, I am Mike McClellan and I live in Raymond, Maine. I write today as I am unable to attend these important Public Hearings. I write to offer strong support for Senator Bernard's legislation LD 1134 -An Act to Prohibit Males from Participating in Female Sports or Using Female Facilities.

Seriously, what are we doing people? Read that title and ask your self the same question...what are we doing that we need to have this conversation. I could add many examples here of the differences in male vs female bodies, share that Maine polls suggest an amazingly high support to state the fact that they are different. That men should not be in girls sports, bathrooms, prisons, and shelters. I could even post the meme that recently was popular speaking to a male winning a female competition and the picture of 5 athletes (1 male and 4 female, very obvious who was who in the picture) and the joke being "can't tell the difference. You could.

My close here is to state the obvious. Trans people deserve the same rights and safety as all people. (Rights do not mean you always get what you want) Yes. Trans people are listed in DSM 5 as having a mental health diagnosis. Yes. Even with all the progressive push to make this all appear normal, no one went in to affect the definition, these are people with mental health issues...I did not create it, just speaking from fact. How crazy then, that there are people with agendas very happy to use these people as pawns in social wars.

Historically, if you look at the number of trans people in our society, it is a sub 1% number and somewhat consistent. Until recently when it jumped to a real number. Interesting how when I sought the number on Chat GPT, every citation mentioned the work risk. Having worked in me early career in mental health, I can tell you my thought of sadness on all this is we are dealing with people who are told all day long by a political agenda that they are awesome, they are great. Then I fear they go home and in their alone time see that they do have issues. Please check the suicide rate for Trans people.

Please lead.

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