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LD 233

Sen. Carney and Rep. Kuhn and distinguished members of the Committee,  
I am Joan Petersen, a Mom, a librarian who has worked in both hospitals and a high school.

I write to recommend that LD 233 ought to pass.

Biological males have physical strengths which offer advantages in athletics. This scientific fact was the basis for Federal Law Title IX, offering equal opportunities to girls in athletics. By passing this bill you will be upholding Federal Law .

In addition, you will be protecting our girls physically and emotionally while preserving their chances for athletic scholarships.

The development of leadership and teamwork skills learned through athletics is a valuable asset to individual athletes and to our entire society. Let's give our girls the chances they need and deserve to be all that they can be.

Thank you for your consideration.