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LD 868

Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of LD 868 "An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools."

I think that you all know that Maine people want this protection for their girls who attend Maine Public Schools and participate in athletics. You also know that the reasons for passing this bill are reasonable and well thought out. Here are a few:

- 1.This bill upholds the intent of Title IX by making sure that female athletes are able to compete without unfair competition from biological males.
- 2.There are boundaries in all of life and keeping restrooms, athletic locker rooms and sleeping quarters safe and private for females by restricting biological males from invading them is a necessary one.
- 3.It is a scientific fact that there are significant differences in males and females. Surely you know that males have greater muscle mass and bone density that impacts fairness when competing against females. LD 868 will ensure that girls get to compete on a level playing field by restricting biological males from unfairly competing against females.
- 4.And finally, parents entrust their precious children into the hands of public schools with the implied understanding that they will be morally and physically safe. LD 868 reinforces that trust.

Again, please listen to your constituents on this and pass LD 868. To ignore their wishes on this is irresponsible, arrogant and the act of those who deem their position to be one of a dictator.

Sincerely,
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