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LD 2239

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Craig Bramley. I'm a resident of Portland. I am opposed to the proposed ballot measure, LD 2239.

I am a father of two daughters, now ages 26 and 21. I am acutely aware of the issues facing girls in sports and in life in general. Despite many decades of efforts to bring equality to women in the United States, women face ongoing discrimination and challenges in many areas of life— including opportunities in athletics. This ballot measure would not bring more resources or equality to women's sports. It would not give girls facilities that are equivalent to boys to help them get positions of influence in our society. Instead, it focuses on a tiny issue and seeks to divide us. It would roll back key human rights protections for which Mainers have fought. Don't let out-of-state billionaires buy our democracy and turn us against each other.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee.