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LD 2239

Testimony of Susan Dunning
In Strong Support of LD 2239 – OUGHT TO PASS
An Act to Designate School Sports Participation and Facilities by Sex
Judiciary Committee – April 14, 2026

Chair, Ranking Member, and distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Susan Dunning, a resident of Freeport, Maine. I submit this written testimony in strong support of LD 2239.

LD 2239 enacts a clear, objective, and uniform statewide standard: public schools must designate athletic teams, bathrooms, showers, and locker rooms according to a student's sex as recorded on the original birth certificate.

LD 2239 ensures that everyone plays and no one is banned. Every student has the opportunity to compete. Sports are organized safely and fairly for all.

LD 2239 ensures that private, single-sex spaces are protected. Private spaces will be designated by sex which guarantees that males and females have privacy and safety in their own spaces.

LD 2239 ends sex-based discrimination in Maine schools by giving sex equal protection and opportunity under the law. It also ensures full legal protections under the ADA for individuals with verifiable differences in sex development.

LD 2239 is not a political issue -- it is basic common sense!

LD 2239 protects the sex-based civil rights of every child, aligns Maine with federal requirements, and safeguards critical funding. I urge the Committee to advance the bill favorably as OUGHT TO PASS, without amendments that would weaken its protections.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dunning