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Good afternoon,

My name is [Husband's Name], and I'm from Freeport. I'm submitting this as a father of two young daughters.

They are not yet in school sports, but they will be—and the decisions being made now will directly affect them.

I expect my daughters to have fair opportunities in sports, as intended under Title IX, and to have their privacy and safety protected in spaces like locker rooms and bathrooms.

Right now, Maine's current approach places that burden on women and girls—asking them to give up comfort, privacy, and safety to accommodate others. That is not a balanced solution.

No one should be forced into discomfort, but it should not fall primarily on one group. The ballot question, as written, does not accurately or neutrally reflect the intent of the legislation and risks misleading voters.

This bill is straightforward. It restores clear, sex-based protections so girls can compete fairly and have privacy in spaces designed for them.

Voters deserve clear and accurate language.

As a father, I am asking you to fix the wording and consider the real impact on girls across our state.

Thank you.