

Testimony in support

LD 1401 An Act To Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designed for Females at Schools That Receive Federal Funding.

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Senator Carney, Representative Harnett, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Karen Vachon and I am the Executive Directory of Maine Right To Life, located in Auburn. We support LD 1401: An Act To Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designed for Females at Schools That Receive Federal Funding.

Maine Right to Life is a state affiliate of the National Right To Life Committee. We are a non-profit organization founded to protect and uphold the dignity and worth of every human life from conception to natural death by making abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia socially, ethically, and legally unacceptable and to actively promote positive alternatives. We are Pro-Life, Pro-Active, and Pro-Women.

This testimony addresses our Pro-Women position. Women are biologically different than men. In addressing fairness and equal opportunity, Title XI was introduced in 1972 to even the playing field for women's sports. There wouldn't be a need for Title XI in the first place, if biological females were not at a competitive disadvantage! Title XI afforded the opportunity to put biological women in a league of their own, providing equal funding, equal access, thus allowing them to excel in sports comparable to their male counter parts. Title XI has opened a world of opportunity for biological women, and should not be undermined or compromised by permitting anyone who is biologically different than biologically female - which Title XI sought to protect in the first place.

We continually hear public service announcements on the radio about the benefits of team sports and the impact it has on confidence and wellbeing. Biological females deserve an even and fair playing field – why shatter hopes and dreams of biological females for the benefit of a few biological males who transgend to female? It seems the long road to fairness, the hopes, and the dreams of many female athletes are being sacrificed for medically altered biological males who want to compete against biological females.

All women – biological or transgender, should be able to participate in the male league if they can make the team. Biological women, who can't make the male team, have Title XI funding to thank for the opportunity to participate in the Women's league. Keep it this way. This is fair and equitable – by design, to protect biological women. Please support LD 1401. Thank you.

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