

Testimony against HB 0359 – Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams and Sports – Designation Based on Sex (Save Women's Sports Act)

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As the parent of a transgender individual I'm always amazed at the lengths people will go to discriminate against the transgender community. This bill is indicative of the type of prejudice that is promoted by groups who are pandered to by politicians who will look for any negative base to inflame for votes.

Is there any actual evidence that anyone in the county has competed in athletics and received a scholarship who was transgender, no. There is of course evidence that young people are getting fentanyl and overdosing and dying. I think that would be a much better use of your time than this bill.

This bill includes intramural sports, since when do intramural sports get people scholarships? Also aren't most intramural sports, team sports; do we believe that one transgender individual on a team sport will dominate the league? I think not, also, what sports are transgender individuals allowed to play? According to this bill none. Like most acts of prejudice they just want them to disappear in the sports world.

Also, the studies cited don't seem to feel there are any differences between the individuals who competed, i.e. that all females have the same abilities, all males have the same abilities, I know several offensive lineman that would testify that my ability to get around them was not based on my size, my height, or my speed, but merely on my ability to overcome their technique. The unfounded fear is that somehow Michael Jordan would decide he could get a better scholarship by competing as a female, balderdash.

This bill is about providing protection to schools and sports organizations from being liable for discrimination, period. Which of course gives them license to discriminate, and they will.
Vote NO on HB359!