

Dear Ways and Means Committee members,

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HB359.

As a woman, I know what it feels like to be a teenage girl. Simply, it was awkward. I grew up participating in sports, though not particularly good at any, and learned about the power of hard work and teamwork. I was first signed up for the local baseball league, that lasted a year – even at 8 there was a difference between the abilities of boys and girls. I was signed up for girls softball my 2nd year where I was able to learn to play to my strengths as a female.

There are biological, hormonal, physiological, and psychological differences in males and females. This needs to be accepted now, as has been accepted from the beginning of creation. This goes beyond losses and missed scholarship opportunities for teenage girls. Girls sports staying girls sports, based on biological sex, is important to the confidence and character of girls as they become women.

I appreciate the delegates who have introduced and sponsored this important bill and pray, that for the sanctity of women's rights this bill receives a favorable decision.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Hamilton', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rebecca Hamilton
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