

I am writing to state that I am in FAVOR for HB 359. Women and girls continue to be marginalized by our government and we must protect women and girl sports! As a mother of two daughters and an athlete myself, this discrimination against biological females needs to stop. This isn't a battle against transphobia. This is a battle for fair competition. This is a battle for ensuring that we continue to level the playing field for our girls and women.

Federal law used to protect equal opportunity for women in sports...remember Title IX. Women and girls work just as hard as their male counterparts to excel in sports and that opportunity shouldn't be denied or compromised. Scholarships and awards shouldn't be taken away from these biological girls to those that simply "identify" as a girl/woman. By this point in time, we all know that biological men/boys are at a physiological advantage that doesn't change with hormone blockers...they have more muscle mass (makes them stronger/faster), their bones are longer and denser (better mechanical advantage sports) and they have larger lungs that improves their lung capacity (better endurance). Furthermore, because of these physiological differences, we are actually putting some of these women/girls at risk for severe injury. Let's not even bring up the liability and risk of sharing locker rooms.

There is a place for everyone in sports and HB 359 allows this. Our biological women and girls deserve better!! They deserve a place where they can compete fairly against other biological girls! Please support HB 359.

Thank you for your time.

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