

Support HB47

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Dear Concerned Delegates:

As a society, we all know deep down that it's wrong to have males athletically compete on female sports teams at the high school level and beyond. Common sense dictated our policy on this prior to the irrational cultural zeitgeist we now find ourselves in. In the case of a boy who identifies as a girl and wants to play on their sports team, why should the onus be on the girls to deal with competing with him given that he was the one who chose to alter his body such that he now is less competitive amongst other boys? Why must the girls essentially bear this negative consequence of his decision-making? He belongs on the boys' team or on a coed team.

Males have physiological and performance advantages over females, including increased cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and speed/agility. Puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones cannot undo all of the athletic advantages that puberty confers on males. Bodies play sports; identities do not. It takes only one trans-identified male to negatively alter the trajectory of every female athlete in the sport. We know this from the hundreds of female titles, awards, medals, and podium spots lost throughout the world in nearly every sport. Additionally, females have lost out on athletic scholarships when they've had to compete with males. As a society, we can celebrate the differences of individuals, but hold bodies accountable in sports.

Please support this important legislation to preserve the hard-earned opportunities for females to compete fairly and safely in organized high school sports.

Sincerely,
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