

HB47-Fairness in Girls' Sports

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

As a former all-state basketball player in high school, player in college, and current coach of middle school girls, I urge you to support HB47 – Fairness in Girls' Sports. HB47 offers a practical, fair, and safe approach to high school sports.

In addition to being a female athlete and coach, I am a Registered Nurse and have a degree in psychology. With this background, I recognize that "gender dysphoria" is real and is listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition: DSM-5. I also recognize the biological and physiological differences of males and females. In health care, there is no denying that you need different approaches to patient care based on anatomy.

As a gay woman, I also recognize that feeling different from others can be a tremendous emotional burden. However, as adults, we must place facts over feelings and put our girls' safety first. They look to us to protect them. The facts are that biological males are stronger and more powerful than biological females regardless of hormone injections. Hormone injections do not eliminate the male athletic advantage over females.

Coming from a working-class family, would I have had the opportunities that I earned had I played against biological males? Never. A high school biological male athlete can dunk a basketball, and a biological female cannot.

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