

HB 047 Education - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams - Designation Based on Sex (Fairness In Girls' Sports Act)

Dear Members of the House Ways and Means Committee;

I am writing to support HB047.

When I was growing up as a young female athlete in the 60's, there were very few opportunities for me to compete in an organized sport. Boys had teams, coaching, etc. And girls had to fend for themselves. When Title IX was passed, that changed everything.

My daughter was fortunate enough to be an athlete as well. She had opportunities to participate in many sports. Her sport of choice, eventually, was softball. She was a standout in our state and went on to play softball at a Division 1 level. Without softball, she would not have been able to attend the university of her choice, Bucknell.

If boys calling themselves girls had been allowed to play as a female softball athlete they would have competed against her. She would have been at an unfair, distinct disadvantage and competing against boys would have endangered her.

Luckily, she didn't have to worry about that.

Women have worked so hard to have girls' and women's sports in this country. We cannot go back to a time where they must take a back seat to men who call themselves women.

This bill would prevent this unfair competition. We urge you to support this bill.

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