

House Bill 47 - UNFAVORABLE
Ways and Means Committee

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee;

I ask that you give House Bill 47 an unfavorable report.

House Bill 47 would discriminate against transgender and intersex youth who want to participate in sports. It would cause dysphoria, contribute to depression, and act to delegitimize the existence of transgender and intersex people. Additionally, it not only prevents transgender and intersex athletes from participating on public high school sports teams with people of the same gender, it prevents nonpublic high schools from determining who would be on their sports teams - a direct violation of the freedom of religion.

Any claims of this being a feminist bill are hollow. As a feminist who has been active in feminist issues for 40 years, I can say with authority that feminism is trans-inclusive and intersex-inclusive.

Please give House Bill 47 an UNFAVORABLE report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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