SB 381: Education, Energy & the Environment - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams - Designation Based on Sex (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act)

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Women have been battling against patriarchy and striving for equal rights for decades. Now, they face a new challenge from a vocal minority that wants us to disregard fundamental biology. Fair competition in girls' athletics is threatened as males persist in competing in girls' sports. **Where are the feminists? What happened to Title IX?**

A significant majority of Americans agree that regardless of the female hormones a biological male takes they possess an unfair advantage when they compete against females. It is a denial of science and shows complete disregard for fairness to say that a boy athlete who identifies as a girl is physically the same as the girl. On average, males are larger and stronger. They have larger hearts, more dense bones and greater lung capacity.

In fact, a 2023 national poll (https://news.gallup.com/poll/507023/say-birth-gender-dictate-sports-participation.aspx) showed that "a larger majority of Americans now (69%) than in 2021 (62%) say transgender athletes should

only be allowed to compete on sports teams that conform with their birth gender. Likewise, fewer endorse transgender athletes being able to play on teams that match their current gender identity, 26%, down from 34%."

A place on the team roster or the award podium doesn't spontaneously open up. Rather, some girl didn't make the team, fell lower in the rankings, or didn't get deserved recognition because of an unfair playing field.

While male athletes do not always win when competing against females, their presence has serious negative consequences for the future of girls' sports. It is time for the majority to show some courage and to put an end to the tyranny of the minority.

I urge you to give SB381 a FAVORABLE report.