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Brian Feldman, Chair and members of the Energy and the Environment Senate Committee

Requesting a FAVORABLE report from committee members for SB0588.

I grew up before Title IX was enacted. Girls sat on the sidelines and watched boys' teams play.

After Title IX was enacted, I was thrilled to watch the opportunities my granddaughter and her contemporaries had to train and compete on a level playing field. Then suddenly, they were no longer assured of safe and secure competitive spaces. Girls' privacy was attacked in shared locker rooms and their safety jeopardized in team sports. In both individual and team sports they are no longer recognized and rewarded for their years of training as female athletes when competing against biological males.

The males who have chosen to become trans, should be allowed to compete in their own country-wide leagues along side males with separate scoring and while using the male bathrooms or individual/family bathrooms.

Please help re-instate women and girls' rights to a level and safe playing field.

I request a FAVORABLE report from committee members for SB0588, the "***Fairness in Girls' Sports Act***" bill.

Sincerely,

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