

House Bill 156 - Ways and Means Committee - UNFAVORABLE

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

I urge you to give House Bill156 an UNFAVORABLE report.

House Bill 156 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 HB 156 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. Opposing equality for transgender and intersex people is misogynistic.

Please give House Bill 156 an UNFAVORABLE report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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