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House Bill No. 7727 -An Act Relating to Education – Fairness in Women’s Sports Act

I strongly support House Bill 7727 because it is raw logic that it is only fair to allow biological women to compete in women’s sports. Maintaining separate categories based on biological sex helps ensure fair competition by creating a level playing field and keeps women safe from physical harm against men identifying as transgender women.

First, biological differences, such as muscle mass, bone density, strength, and hormonal levels can significantly impact athletic performance. By competing against individuals with similar biological attributes, athletes have a better chance of performing their skills and abilities without facing inherent physical disadvantages. The same logic can be applied to why we have similar aged children playing against one another. Can you imagine a high school age student playing against an elementary aged student; the high school students height, weight, speed, and biogeological make-up at an older age exudes a total unfair advantage against an elementary aged student, not to mention the physical harm the high school student may inflict on an elementary aged student.

Next, allowing transgender women to compete along biological women will likely limit future opportunities for biological women athletes. These concerns are scholarships, team placements, and competitive opportunities because transgender women possess physical advantages acquired during male puberty that will give them a competitive edge over biological women. Moreover, maintaining separate categories based on biological sex is essential for preserving the integrity and fairness of women’s sports and will not put into question fairness in sports where physical strength and athleticism play a significant role. A specific well-known example of this unfairness is Riley Gaines where she lost a NCAA championship trophy to Lia Thomas, a biological male identifying as a transwoman. This unfortunate situation will become the norm and will drastically alter the history of biological women’s sports.

Another reason for fairness in Women’s sports are safety considerations of biological women, especially in contact sports. These safety concerns should not be taken lightly, despite a transgender woman feeling excluded. Differences in physical size, strength, and muscle mass will increase the risk of injury for biological women and that is not fair. It is irrational, wrong, and dangerous for even one woman to be put in physical harm’s way just to avoid a transgender woman’s hurt feelings of exclusion. There are many examples of when harm has been inflicted upon biological women by transwomen while playing sports (cited examples below). These examples are one too many and will only continue if we do not pass a Fairness in Women’s Sports Act.

Just this week, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), the governing body for mostly small colleges, announced it is banning transgender athletes from competing in women’s sports. NAIA’s position is a step in the right direction of fairness and safety for women’s sports. In conclusion, we need state regulations to ensure the same fair competition in women’s sports, and House Bill No. 7727 will accomplish it.

Thank you,


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