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**Subject:** FAIRNESS IN WOMENS SPORTS AND PARENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

To Whom it may concern -

I am a Rhode Island resident and wanted to voice my support for the FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS AND PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS.

As a parent of 2 teens, I am really sickened by the government wanting to use their overreach with government entities in the upbringing of my OWN children. Why does the government feel that they should have total control of our lives 24/7? I feel as though the last 3 1/2 years have made it crystal clear that the government is quickly moving extremely left to the point of socialist & communist controls.

Parents deserve to have a voice in their children's future. We are the only ones advocating for their future. The government does not need to be involved.

My children's father passed away back in 2016, I am the sole survivor of my kids, and my family and friends help whenever needed.

They say it takes a village, but I never heard them say "it takes the government."

I demand the rights to my children's health.

I demand the rights to my children's education.

I demand the rights to my children's welfare.

I am very appalled by this state's overreach into our lives. This seems very unconstitutional and threatens the very essence of parental authority.

As for the FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT, I grew up playing in many sports including soccer, softball, gymnastics and cheerleading, so this bill is very important to me and for future biological females in the state. The truth of the matter is there are only 2 genders.

By wanting to include men in Women's sports, they are erasing womens sports all together. This is very destructive to future youths and to sports itself.

I support the integrity and fairness in women's sports.

Please PASS this act.

The real discrimination happens when MEN receive scholarships and awards that will replace those of actual women working tirelessly for years and years.

Men do not have the same biological set up as women, so they are stronger, faster and can cause damage.

By having men in womens sports this would create an unequal opportunity, people would get hurt and this would be detrimental to girls self esteem, confidence, and possibly a negative backlash . That's wrong. And it chips away at women's confidence and our belief in our own abilities. There is nothing fair about having MEN in WOMEN'S sports..

Throughout the last few years, we have seen more and more men, in women's sports, getting scholarships to college, titles, awards and more opportunities that should be going to the actual women.

I feel like actual women are being unfairly discriminated against and hope you will pass this act for future women in Rhode Island.. Some will say that it is denying inclusivity, but there is NOTHING inclusive about forcing female athletes to compete against biological males.

It's time to reclaim the narrative from those that have hijacked it and bring back the traditional role of families and fairness in sports.

Thank you

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