

Testimony in opposition to H5842: Fairness in Women's Sports Act

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To Chair McNamara and the honorable Members of the House Education Committee:

I strongly oppose the bill because it perpetuates a sick fascist ideology that is based on stoking hate, discrimination and singling out and de-humanizing minorities, presenting them as the enemy—while distracting from the fact that the actual enemies of our constitution and democracy are dismantling our institutions, blatantly disregard human rights and the rule of law, right now, right in front of our eyes.

Targeting transgender members of our community is unlawful and unconstitutional; it is discrimination!

Fascism and hate have no place in Rhode Island, this nation, in the world. It is time to stand up, to stand together, to remember our moral values, to cooperate and to work with all of our neighbors and members of our community, and to tackle the actual issues that threaten us, instead of fueling an ever increasing hate and polarization.

The sponsors of the bill should be ashamed about their cowardice—they don't even stand up for their discriminatory views and intolerance, hiding behind a facade of “fairness in sports” while targeting those who have the least means to defend themselves.

Please do NOT bring this bill to a vote!

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