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To: House Education Committee
Subject: OPPOSE H5842

Dear members of the House Education Committee,

I am a resident of Westerly, Rhode Island. I am writing to share my opposition to Bill H5842, the "Fairness in Women's Sports Act". This is a law designed to alienate queer kids in sports when there is no precedent for transgender athletes causing problems in high school athletics. In addition, this bill would allow organizations to weaponize it against any student athlete they feel does not conform to traditional gender expression or roles, and will harm cisgender girls who may look or act differently than expected.

The bill will hurt children and provide no safety for girls like it claims. True fairness in sports would be allowing all children their opportunity to play a game on the team they feel comfortable with without invading individual students' privacy and medical history.

Thank you for your time,
Heather DeSantis