

Dear Chair McNamara and Committee Members,

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to H 5842, known as the "Fairness in Women's Sports Act." This bill would cause significant harm to transgender students by unjustly excluding them from participating in sports alongside their peers. Schools and athletic programs are vital in fostering inclusive and supportive environments for LGBTQ+ youth, and it is crucial that educators, school staff, and coaches have the ability to fully support all students in achieving success.

As a woman I reject any attempt to weaponize my womanhood against marginalized communities to push an agenda aimed at harming and excluding them. If we want to "protect" women's sports, fund them. Those programs are often severely underfunded or rely heavily on participating families to fund them on even a base level, and recruitment efforts fall on volunteers. If you ACTUALLY cared about women in women's sports, and not some anti-Trans agenda, that wouldn't be the case and we would financially support womens athletic programs and actively work to engage more girls in sports at the same levels that we do male sports programs. Do not act like you actually care about women's sports when historically there has been very limited support for such programs in ways that truly matter.

Sincerely,

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