

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I am a resident of Westerly RI and an educator in Pawtucket Public Schools. I am writing to you today to express my disdain for and strong opposition to H5842. I strongly oppose this bill because students deserve to be join organized sports based on their gender identity. Their biological identity at birth has no bearing on who should be competing with who and we need to make sports accessible to all who want to compete.

Sincerely,

Melanie DeSantis

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[pronouns \(what's this?\)](#): she/her/hers

Librarian, Fallon Memorial Elementary School

Pawtucket, RI (historic Wampanoag/Narragansett lands)