

Committee members, my name is Jocelyn Backman and I am writing IN SUPPORT of HB 1298 relating to participation in athletic events exclusively for males or females.

- If we allow men to play women's sports, a woman will never again win in that sport
  - Transgender athletes have higher testosterone levels than biological women which will give them a competitive advantage
- Women will no longer qualify for scholarships, be competitive enough to in professional women's leagues
- The entire sports regime will be dominated by Men's leagues and Women's leagues that are all men
- If both men/women play on the same team, do they then share the same showers? Same bathrooms?
- Women will no longer feel safe playing sports when competing against men

Biblical reasons not to allow it:

- Deuteronomy 22:5
  - "A woman shall not wear a man's garment, nor shall a man put on a woman's cloak, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.
- Genesis 1:27
  - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Thank you so much for your time.