

House Bill 1249

Members of the committee,

I have two daughters who play sports in the North Dakota, and I would like to see HB1249 pass for several reasons:

- 1) **Fairness:** Males are on average biologically larger, faster, and stronger than females, and to keep the playing field level, females need their own sports. Please keep things fair and make sure females compete only with females.
- 2) **Physical Safety:** As stated above, males are biologically larger and stronger on average, which would likely result in more injuries for females, especially in contact sports. There are recent examples in the news of females being seriously injured (by males) in volleyball, boxing, and rugby. Please protect our female athletes.
- 3) **Locker Room Safety:** Allowing biological males in female sports opens the door to all kinds of locker room issues. The females on the swim team with biological male Lia Thomas were silenced when they complained about having to share a locker room with Thomas, who has full male parts. Don't let this happen in North Dakota. Please protect our daughters.

I urge you to pass House Bill 1249.

Thank you,

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