

Chairman Weisz and members of the Human Services Committee

My name is Tammy Owens. I reside in district 41 from Fargo. I am writing in support of HB1249. I believe that it is best to have separate male and female teams unless it is specified that it is coed. My reasoning for this is the physical strength and abilities between the sexes. In junior and senior high the males are much more muscular and the safety of females can be in jeopardy. This is just a plain matter of biology. I also believe that if males are allowed to participate on female teams this will limit the ability for females to succeed in their sport. If we allow males to play on female teams this will undermine all the progress that has been made over the years for female athletes.

These are just my opinions but thank you for taking time to consider this important issue for our children.

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