



IW Supports Efforts To Protect Women's Sports

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Dear North Dakota State Legislators,

I urge you to support legislation protecting women's sports.

In the realm of athletics, biological sex differences matter. Without separate women's teams, men will dominate women in sports where strength, size, or speed are relevant factors. This is not hyperbole. This is science.

Allowing biological males to compete in women's sports not only limits women's chances of winning events. At the collegiate level, where institutions of higher education try to recruit top athletes in each sport, it can also take playing time, scholarships, and educational opportunities from female athletes.

To be clear, any institution that allows a biological male to displace even a single female athlete — at the podium, on the field, or on the roster — discriminates on the basis of sex. Because the Biden administration has abdicated its responsibility to fully enforce federal laws against sex discrimination in athletics, it is imperative that the states act now to protect women's sports.

Respectfully,

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