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## HCR 3010

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Thank you, Chairman Weisz and Committee members,

My name is Rep. SuAnn Olson, representing District 8. Today, I'm asking you to support a resolution that is informally known as a Women's Bill of Rights and recognizes the biological difference between the sexes.

Why is this important? Radical gender ideologues are trying to redefine womanhood as a subjective state unrelated to biology. But this isn't simply a matter of semantics. The reality of this redefinition is that women's opportunities are diminished and their privacy and safety are threatened. Most women understand that a "woman" is female, but gender ideologues want to redefine womanhood as a subjective state distinct from - and more important than - biological sex.

We have all heard of the swimmer, Lia Thomas, a fully intact male who previously competed on the University of Pennsylvania men's team, and who last season, dominated the Women's NCAA swimming championship. The female swimmers that competed with Thomas were smaller, had less muscle mass, and less lung capacity. Our failure to legally define "woman" harms more than just athletes. It makes scholarships and other opportunities that were specifically designed to empower females available to biological men instead. Further, our failure to define "female" jeopardizes previously uncontroversial single-sex spaces such as dorm rooms, sororities, and locker rooms.

All too often, the corruption of sex-based language is happening by administrative or judicial decree, without the consent of the political branches or the people themselves.

**By redefining "sex" to mean "gender" or "gender identity," unelected officials are rewriting laws that prohibit unjust sex discrimination to require unjust discrimination against women.**

This resolution will push gender advocates to be transparent about their objectives and persuade the public, not simply impose their will through a linguistic sleight of hand.

Please urge the committee to stand for truth, stand for science, and stand for common sense. Please vote YES on HCR 3010.

## Here's What Others are Saying...

*...the Women's Bill of Rights is a common-sense declaration on the biology of sex. It should be something people across the political spectrum can come together and embrace. All women should have the assurance that our intrinsic dignity and status are recognized and protected on the basis of sex."* Doreen Denny, Senior Advisor, Concerned Women for America

*"Gender is not a synonym for sex, and it's time we stopped using it as such. Gender refers to attributes and social norms. But attributes are not biology, and those who fight for the rights of women must respect the science."* Heather R. Higgins, CEO, Independent Women's Voice

*"The Women's Bill of Rights would ensure our laws continue to recognize that there are legitimate reasons to distinguish between the sexes with respect to athletics, prisons, domestic violence and rape crisis services, restrooms, and other areas where biology, safety, or privacy are implicated."* Lauren Adams, Legal Director, Women's Liberation Front

*"I want my three daughters to know that they live a country where women are recognized and respected. We are not 'bleeders,' 'birthing persons,' or 'chest feeders;' we are women."* Carrie Lukas, President, Independent Women's Forum

*"What is a woman? The answer should be obvious to all. Unfortunately, today it is not...This common-sense document should bring together all women regardless of their politics or religion."* Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Women's Rights Advocate and author