

Dear Committee Members,

I am a former high school and college athlete in cross country and swimming. I paid for a majority of my college education with scholarships I earned through sports.

If you allow the transgender ideology to override biological science, you will crush the ability of women to attend post-secondary education through athletic scholarships. And not only will you crush their ability to afford a college education, you will crush all of the life skills girls and women learn as athletes.

As a female athlete, I learned more pertinent life skills on the playing field than I did in the classroom. I learned to lead, but I also learned to be a team player. I learned about true sacrifice and dedication and what those qualities look like and require. I learned about the blows of defeat and how to persevere. I learned how to celebrate and relish a championship, but to do so with grace and humility. I learned to be woman - a woman of character, a woman of virtue, and a woman that is worthy.

If we do not pass legislation to protect women's sports, girls and women will lose more than awards, scholarships, and education - they will lose their self-respect and their self-value. They will become another victim of the 'inclusion' culture that is killing America. Don't let it kill our girls and women in the great state of North Dakota.

Please recommend a 'Do Pass' on HB1298.

Respectfully,

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