

Dear chairman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in favor of passage of HB 1298, this bill is essential to protect woman's sports. If we allow biological males to participate in woman's sports who will reap the benefits? Not women. Who will finish high school with Girls sports scholarships? I repeat, not women. Woman's sports will lose all meaning if men were allowed to participate in woman's sports.

Some opponents to this bill say there is a high suicide or attempted suicide rate of transgender youth, partly from lack of support of their communities, and that this bill will be even more devastating to transgender youth. The truth is that the transgenderism itself is what most strongly influences the suicide rate in transgender youth, and passage of this bill will encourage youth to stick with their assigned sex at birth.

The same opponents to this bill say it is not your job to define sex, but medical professionals, I disagree. God defined sex when He created them male and female in the beginning. It is already defined, and this bill supports God's definition.

I respectfully encourage you to give this bill a DO PASS.

Sincerely,

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