

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to voice my strong support for HB 1298. I ask that you protect the future of women's sports by prohibiting males from competing in women's-only sports. It is incredibly damaging to individuals and society to adopt the view that biological sex and gender are separate from each other because this leads to a society in which objective scientific facts are turned into mere cultural and social constructs. This leaves all of us vulnerable, but particularly women because we cannot protect women's rights without a concrete definition of what it means to be a woman. Trans women are not women. They are males who struggle with gender dysphoria and who should be treated with compassion, respect, and ethical psychological care. **No one is denying trans athletes the right to participate in sports. These individuals are free to compete with their peers who share the same physiological make-up.** This bill is not anti-trans. It is pro-woman, pro-fairness, pro-science, and pro-logic.

Please consider the ramifications of allowing males to compete against females. There is a mountain of evidence and data that show that, in general, male athletes are bigger, stronger, faster, possess better hand-eye coordination, and are more spatially aware than their female counterparts. Males are quite likely to injure women if they collide with them. Males even have the advantage after one year of gender-affirming hormone therapy. **A study by the British Journal of Medicine showed that trans-women (males) still had a 9% faster average run speed after the one year period of testosterone suppression that is recommended by World Athletics for inclusion in women's events.**

If gender is not informed by objective biological science, then it has to be based on subjective feelings and opinions which can and do change, especially in a culture that quickly and easily propagates postmodern philosophies like gender theory through the use of social media. The number of kids who identify as trans has skyrocketed in recent years. This is not a natural development, but due to peer contagion that is spurred on by activist parents, media, Hollywood, and certain public school systems all actively recruiting our youth to identify with the LGBT movement. Trans athletes are currently in the minority, but as transgenderism ideology becomes more mainstream, there will be more and more males who will want to compete in women's sports. If we do not pass legislation to protect women's sports from the cultural trend of transgenderism, the scholarships, awards, and opportunities that sports provide will once again be dominated by men and boys. Please do not be fooled into thinking that this is progress. It is not. Please do not allow transgenderism ideology to override established biology. Please do not choose political correctness over the safety and hard won rights of women and girls.

Please render a DO PASS out of committee on HB 1298.

Thank you for your leadership and service to the state of North Dakota.

RESOURCES:

The Selina Soule, Chelsea Mitchell, and Alanna Smith Stories

<https://www.adflegal.org/selina-soule-track-athlete-story#close>

Effect of gender affirming hormones on athletic performance in transwomen and transmen: implications for sporting organisations and legislators

<https://bjsm.bmj.com/content/early/2020/11/06/bjsports-2020-102329.full?ijkey=yjICzZVZFRDZzHz&keytype=ref>

Males Have Larger Skeletal Size and Bone Mass Than Females, Despite Comparable Body Size

<https://asbmr.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1359/JBMR.041005>

Comparison of injury during cadet basic training by gender

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/9158436/>

LGBT Identification Rises to 5.6% in Latest U.S. Estimate

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/329708/lgbt-identification-rises-latest-estimate.aspx>

The Bone-Muscle Relationship in Men and Women

<https://www.hindawi.com/journals/jos/2011/702735/>

A Comparative Study on Strength between American College Male and Female Students in Caucasian and Asian Populations

<http://archive.sciendo.com/SSR/ssr.2012.xxi.issue-3-4/v10237-012-0015-5/v10237-012-0015-5.pdf>

Skeletal muscle mass and distribution in 468 men and women aged 18–88 yr

<https://journals.physiology.org/doi/full/10.1152/jappl.2000.89.1.81>

Elite Strength Sports (IPF and IWF) a Comparison of Sex and Performance

<https://www.castironstrength.com/elite-strength-sports-ipf-and-iwf-a-comparision-of-sex-and-performance/>

Gender Differences in Spatial Ability

<https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/143902789.pdf>

Comparing Athletic Differences Between Women and Men

<https://law.duke.edu/sports/sex-sport/comparative-athletic-performance/>

The End of Gender by Dr. Debra Soh

<https://www.drdebrasoh.com>

Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters

https://www.amazon.com/Irreversible-Damage-Transgender-Seducing-Daughters/dp/B084YC53BR/ref=sr_1_1?crid=28P5DRYPZ9GZB&dchild=1&keywords=abigail+shrier&qid=1611855639&s=audible&sprefix=Abigail%2Caudible%2C244&sr=1-1

David Reimer and John Money Gender Reassignment Controversy: The John/Joan Case

<https://embryo.asu.edu/pages/david-reimer-and-john-money-gender-reassignment-controversy-johnjoan-case>

David Reimer, 38; After Botched Surgery, He Was Raised as a Girl in Gender Experiment

<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2004-may-13-me-reimer13-story.html>