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To: House Education Committee
Subject: H7727 - "Biological Identity" in Women's Sports

Hello,

My name is Jen Lamoureux. I am a registered voter and a homeowner in Pawtucket, RI.

I am writing to you today to voice my opposition to H7727.

This bill is written based on the outdated, scientifically inaccurate idea that men carry some inherent advantage over women in sport. This idea disregards the complex variations in anatomy and physiology present throughout the full spectrum of gender.

The truth is that sports competition advantages genetic outliers of all genders over their peers. If we are truly seeking fairness in sport, students should be divided by level of ability, rather than by gender. This would allow for fair competition that includes everyone.

The plain fact is that most Americans' understanding of gender is limited. This makes sense, given the campaign of erasure of all 2SLGBTQIA+ identities, starting with the destruction of the Institute for Sexual Research in Berlin by the Nazis and following into the present day with explicit demonization of the community by conservative legislators and pundits.

It's time we stop preferencing hateful, scientifically inaccurate rhetoric over the well-being of our own children. Sport is supposed to be a time for kids to build friendships and camaraderie. Instead, these bills seek to create division and intolerance where it is not wanted or needed.

Thank you for your time.
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