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LD 868

I VERY STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE OUGHT TO PASS on LD868, An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools. It would seem to be a no-brainer that we do not subject our females to males in an environment where they are undressing, going to the bathroom, changing their clothes, or sleeping. It is just ridiculous that we are doing this to our females. I can't imagine that I would be made to change in front of a male other than a spouse. These so-called females have male genitalia which some of the girls may have never seen before. It is not the job or the school or athlete association to have them experience that. The children are the responsibility of the parents, NOT THE SCHOOL or ATHLETETIC ORG. The "STATE" should not be raising our children. It is our responsibility and, unless they are being physically or emotionally abused, the government should stand back from controlling what our children does outside of teaching them. To teach them to not be emotionally and mentally happy with their born gender is abusive. Growing up is hard enough without people causing you to question your gender, which NEVER CHANGES. Only a Chromosome change will do that. Leave the children alone and they will realize that on their own. There are stories of parents who had that happen. Over and over. Why push an agenda? Let the children enjoy their childhood doing childish things. There's time enough for putting away childish things, like being a woman or man. Please leave the girls areas to the girls and let them change, go to the bathroom and sleep in PEACE! I VERY STRONGLY URGE you to vote for female safety and security and give our athletes a break! Thank you!