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I strongly oppose discrimination against transgender people. Bills that discriminate against transgender students violate both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. As a parent, I know that these bills do not bring fairness to girls sports and do not support girls. These bans will require policing and likely inspection of girls' bodies and personal space. They will subject girls to humiliating speculation, scrutiny and worse, based on physical appearance, rumors and ill will. Within any population, there exists tremendous diversity in body type, muscle mass, training, weight, height, hormone levels, not to mention training, nutrition, facilities and equipment access, coaching, etc. Allowing trans girls to compete does not change any of these factors, all of which impact sports performance. These bans will not make sports safer or more fair. They will cause fear, distrust, and confusion for students, families, and educators, and subject girls to unfair, unwarranted attention, scrutiny and speculation.