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My child is a trans person who took part in track and cross-country last year. He came in last in most races. Nobody was campaigning for fairness nor equity for him. If this were about what is fair, those advocating for the exclusion of males from cis-gendered female sports would also be advocating for my child. This is about finding a inroads/platform upon which hateful, ignorant republicans who do not understand gender science to find a way to push their anti-trans agenda. The way in order to equal the playing field, quite literally, is to approach equity around physical differences in sports by measuring physical differences in sports - height, weight, BMI, muscle mass and other nuanced criteria. This bill does not serve to achieve equity nor fairness; it serves to push a hateful, ignorant, selfish agenda to marginalize some of the most vulnerable of our Americans; those born different. We have an obligation to protect all Americans, especially American children. Why does this bill not propose something that included all genders but rather, compared those metrics you indicated are materially relevant, and instead focus solely on the exclusion of trans individuals? What about intersex individuals? My child takes part in sports. The only thing that they want is to be themself, change and urinate in private, and take place in sports. Do you want to guess what position my child came in nearly every race last year in track? Last. Nobody is asking for fairness nor equality over this situation. Nobody is trying to equal this playing field for my child. The only thing that those advocating for the exclusion to certain athletes in sports want to push their selfish agenda for their own child. However, we must consider the good of all children; protecting all of them and considering the safety of all of them and the larger benefits sports teach; not just winning. You know what is sad? Hearing your child come home and convey that they are terrified to use the restroom because other children are staring in at then through the gaps in the door.

My child simply wants to not hold his urine in his bladder for the duration of his day. He has been targeted by other children due to their natural curiosity. As such, my son has a difficult time focusing in school, so preoccupied with holding his urine and the discomfort

To force any child to do anything pertinent to their bodily functions that makes them uncomfortable should be avoided by mature, caring adults. A simple solution is to allow children to urinate where they feel most comfortable; more-so, to provide single-stall, gender-neutral restrooms in public spaces.

We need to ensure all children are able to urinate in private, with gender-inclusive, single use bathrooms in public spaces.