

Hi, My name is Madeline Hill and I attend Valley High School

Two months ago, my teammates and I won the first ever girls basketball state championship for our school. Hearing the final buzzer sound and knowing we secured the title; is a feeling I will never forget. All the extra work, summer teams, fall teams, late practices, practicing on our own time, and all the team bonding we did throughout our whole lives almost made it so we had no other choice but to succeed. All of that could have been quickly taken away by a singular biological boy that was allowed to compete against us biological girls.

It's a fact that men are biologically bigger, stronger, and faster than women. It's an extremely unfair advantage that is held while ~~these~~ men play in women's sports. Watching other women athletes have all their hard work go down the drain just because of a singular <sup>is upsetting</sup> boy. A local example of this happening was watching an extremely talented runner from Madison High School compete against a biological male in a state cross country meet. She has worked so hard her whole life to become the runner she is. All that work she put in got taken away from her when she had to run against this boy. Like I stated previously these guys are just born to be faster. She ended up losing to this boy, which I'm sure was a very devastating situation for her and all the other girls that ran against him and lost. Men playing in women sports have taken away a countless number of opportunities for women athletes in our community and throughout the entire country.

Everyone should be respected regardless of their gender identity; however, we need to recognize the advantages biological boys have over biological girls which was the original intent of Title IX. Thank you for your time.