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Adolescence is an uncomfortable, embarrassing, awkward experience for the majority of youth. For an individual with the added uncertainty of who they are and where they fit in with gender, we can only imagine the gut-wrenching terror of facing their peers. For the state to pointedly identify, ostracize, and segregate these struggling youths especially at such a formative stage for all, it can be a death sentence.

For years I coached both boys and girls in track. Many young women could hold their own with the males, no one was second-guessing their gender. Locker rooms - it was a rare adolescent who paraded naked in front of their team mates. Uncomfortable! Who are we to judge how another chooses to live.

Please reject all of these cruel bills.