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No child, even an older teenager, should be singled out and subjected to discrimination because of his/her/their sexuality.

Transkids are already going through a lot as they transition. Specifically, because this appears to be the focus of concern: to think that boy so identified at birth would be willing to take female hormones, lose muscle mass, feminize their appearance, have surgery, and live their lives as girls in our misogynistic/anti-trans country just to play a “girls” sport is ludicrous.

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