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RE: LD233 – An Act to Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females When State Funding Is Provided to the School

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Testifying in Opposition to LD 233 – The “Biology for Bigots” Act

I am writing in **strong opposition to LD 233**, a bill titled with the elegance of a YouTube comment and the compassion of a middle school bully.

This bill claims to “protect” girls' sports by banning so-called “biological males” — a term that sounds scientific but is mostly just a polite way of saying *“We don’t understand transgender people and aren’t interested in trying.”* It assumes that trans girls are just boys in sneakers trying to cheat their way to junior varsity stardom, as if high school sports were a lucrative career path rather than a sweaty after-school activity involving bus rides and Gatorade.

Let’s be clear: trans girls are *girls*. That’s not an opinion. That’s the position of every major medical, psychological, and pediatric association that isn’t just someone’s uncle on Facebook. This bill doesn’t “protect” women’s sports. It scapegoats trans kids—actual children—for political points, all while pretending it's about fairness.

If we cared about fairness in girls’ athletics, we’d fund them properly. We’d give girls equal access to coaching, facilities, and scholarships. But no—those cost money. It’s so much cheaper to just ban the trans kids and call it a win.

LD 233 is not about sports. It’s about cruelty with a dress code. It teaches kids—trans or not—that the way to solve discomfort with difference is to legislate people out of existence.

Please vote **no** on LD 233. Protect kids. All of them. Even the ones your political base might not understand.