

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:35:46 AM

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: defeat HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:38:46 AM

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Pastor Jon Watson
Peninsula Christian Center



From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:37:57 AM

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A concerned citizen,
Peggy Eymann
Wasilla, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:42:56 AM

Dear Committee Members,

My husband and I reside in Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of our email is concerning HB 17. We oppose HB 17 for the following reasons.

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Respectfully,
Quentin and Stacey Lange

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:45:02 AM

Vote against it.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:46:46 AM

Sent from my iPhone. I urge you to say no to HB17

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:54:12 AM

Please vote no on HB 17

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:59:42 AM

I oppose HB 17 for the following reasons.

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Please vote against HB 17.

Dorothy Denison

Wasilla, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: urge you to OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:14:26 PM

As an Alaskan resident I simply ask that all committee members OPPOSE HB 17.

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This is something the LGBT extremists who are using the apparatus of civil rights law as a bludgeon to crush anyone who disagrees with their sexual ideology. You as a committee member cannot allow men using restrooms and locker rooms that are designated for women. Our daughters and grand-daughters could be victimize. To force Christian-ran business to participate in same-sex weddings is encroaching on their religious believes. Where are their rights? Biological men competing on women’s sports teams and dominating the women athletes that have been competing for scholarships how is that fair to them?

Thanks for you’re NO VOTE on HB 17,

Tracy

Tracy Sumptio

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:16:35 PM

To the House Judiciary Committee:

We are writing to urge you to oppose HB 17.

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We hope you will seriously consider our objections to HB 17 and oppose it.

Thank you,

Alan & Melody Grisham

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:20:29 PM

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I could not have made these points better myself. Please oppose this dangerous legislation. Thank you so much for hearing my heart and protecting the children of this generation.

-Windy Perkins
[REDACTED]

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:21:10 PM

I ask you to oppose HB 17

Thanks

Raymond Walker

Homer, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:22:11 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:25:43 PM

I oppose HB 17 for the following reasons.

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Thank you for considering my opinion on this issue.

Mike

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:28:41 PM

Please OPPOSE HB 17! I am a very concerned grandmother here in the Butte. Thank you for receiving my text and all you do for our state.

Donnetta Rogers

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Have an AWESOME day! :)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:34:46 PM

I am a voting resident of Alaska and live at [REDACTED] in Soldotna, Alaska 99669. I am apposed to HB 17, please vote no.

Thanks,

Lloyd Stenersen

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: *****SPAM***** HB-17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:57:43 AM

Please consider that passing HB-17 creates a legal threat on business and organizations. Creating an environment that will encourage conflict is not something we need right now. The general public can threaten legal action for what would have formerly been obvious and moral. For instance denying access for a man to enter an environment for women. The current culture is so misguided and toxic on these trans gender issues, that young 13 year old girls in my daughters school are proclaiming themselves to be boys. Imagine you as the surprised parent. This is becoming very common in this age group. Ninety-eight percent of these children will “grow out” of this trans gender identity but it does cause harm along the way. We MUST stop encouraging this belief system that around every corner is a trans gender who’s life is upside down because they can’t use any locker room they want and that Christians are the problem. Legislating for exceptional and misleading situations is only bringing us strife.

Brian Boyd

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:46:09 PM

For the overall best interest of the majority of the State of Alaska please make sure this bill is not passed into law.
Dave & Eileen Becker. Homer Alaska. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:51:08 PM

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- Linda Nott

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Liz Snyder](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#)
Cc: [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Christopher Kurka](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:56:10 PM

please note. Do not support this bill.

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Kathleen Madden

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99504

"Between stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space lies our freedom and power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and freedom"

-- Victor Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:58:53 PM

I oppose this bill! This bill is NOT good for Alaska or anywhere for that matter. There is letting people live their lives, then there is being forced to accept improper human behavior. Kill this bill in its entirety. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:05:47 PM

Please oppose HB 17.

John K. Powers
Owner / Operator
Powers Brothers Inc. DBA Tudor Bingo Center.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:08:39 PM

OPPOSE HB 17

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Thank you for your consideration,
Tiffany J. Wilkes

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:15:27 PM

To whom it may concern,

Good afternoon. I am a resident of Alaska living in the community of Houston. It has come to my attention that HB 17 coming before the committee for a vote.

I would like to voice my strong opposition to the bill and express my great concern for our community and our children's safety should this bill pass. My concern is not only for the children of this great state that I love, but for the individuals who would be foolish enough to cross very serious personal boundaries, such as using a public restroom that they "feel" aligns with their self conceived gender identity, that would certainly result in their immediate embarrassment and possibly physical harm from a protective parent or other family member. I strongly urge you to vote against HB 17 ,if for no other reason than public safety. Thank you for your time and your service to our state and it residents.

Respectfully,
Laurie A. Faubert

[REDACTED]

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S20 FE 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:27:02 PM

I am writing to say I oppose HB17 for several reasons that include the ones listed below as well as many that may or may not be listed that are merely based on simple reasoning and common sense logic.

*** Most of all there is absolutely no reason to give a special class of citizens "special" rights that are already granted by law in Alaska. Making such law would be redundant and only serve the special interest of a limited class of citizens that are already protected from discrimination under Alaska law. Quite possibly making the law itself discriminatory against others as well as unconstitutional. No "special" rights should ever be granted to any class of citizens that do not fully include ALL Alaska citizens. (see 14th amendment U.S. constitution) Specifically the Equal Protection Clause.

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In conclusion, Any legislation should not be designed to serve only a limited class of citizens and any and all proposed legislation should be written in a manner that serves all Alaska residents and citizens equally under the law.

Sincerely,
Jaydee Johnston

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:56:11 PM

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- I did not compose the above, but I agree 100%. I believe in treating people equally well; what that looks like in real time may differ. For example, a male identifying as a female who is homeless needs help in finding shelter. That does not mean it must be in a women's shelter, simply that he needs shelter, even if he identifies as a turtle. Perhaps, the answer is for the transgender community to establish a shelter specifically for their community.
- The issue of religious freedom was settled by our founders; if not for the search for religious freedom, America may never have happened. I would not expect to be employed by a Muslim company and eat pork products at my desk for lunch. Neither do I think a Christian church, school, or organization should be forced to behave in ways that are insulting to their beliefs.
- Again, providing equality is not a one size fits all practice.
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- Phyllis and Jerry Jost
- [REDACTED]
- Anchorage AK [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 2:00:48 PM

I wish to express my strong disapproval of HB 17 to the committee. This is a very strong rearrangement of protected categories under the law that is completely unfounded. We already have in existence a legal system providing protection for the those deserving of it and often persecuted.

John H Slone, Anchorage Alaska

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 2:32:03 PM

I am writing to express my opposition to HB17. This is a bill which actually promotes discrimination. I live in Anchorage. Recently a fine non profit entity, The Downtown Soup Kitchen was harassed and accused of a crime because they would not let a biological man sleep in an abused women's shelter. Eventually after having to go to court, the Shelter won. Regardless of one's "chosen identity " the concept of biological identity is what is important in the law. This bill threatens to punish individuals or businesses who decline to engage in speech or terminology or actions which violate their conscience or their sincerely held sacred religious beliefs.

As a grandmother with many granddaughters and grandsons I do not wish to have to use a public restroom or swimming pool locker room and have children exposed to members of the opposite sex in various amounts of nudity. For example, a biological man who identifies as a woman and comes and changes into a swim suit in a public locker room in our presence. That type of thing is unacceptable.

Please protect religious belief and practice freedoms that allow us to live by our conscience.

Thank you

Robin Marsh

[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99507

Life long Alaskan (58 years)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 2:57:03 PM

Vote Not a chance on HB 17

Wait until the rapes begin...Politically correct garbage.An Ace is an Ace and a spade is a spade.

Kathy Matta

Soldotna

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 4:39:06 PM

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members,

Thank you all for serving our great state.

Please as you consider HB17, I would ask that you oppose this bill. This legislation threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression and freedom of association, and this type of legislation has been found to be unsuccessful and with devastating consequences in other state and cities. This bill seem to discriminate and threaten to punish those individuals or businesses simply because they are standing strong on the religious beliefs or personal convictions. This bill does not end discrimination, it seems to just shift the discrimination toward religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Please oppose HB 17. Thank you

Sharon Walsh
[REDACTED]
Kasilof, AK 99610

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 5:46:03 PM

OPPOSE HB 17

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 6:06:30 PM

House Bill 17 is a slap in the face to anyone not LGBT and I oppose this bill and am asking the committee to do the same. Enough is enough. Donald Becker.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 7:17:07 PM

To whom it may concern:

These are the reasons that HB17 should not be passed.

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- Do we need more reasons not to pass HB17?

Virginia Kristiansen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); representativeliz.snyder@akleg.gov;
representative.harriet.drummond@akleg.gov; [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Christopher Kurka](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Cc: [Sen. Robert Myers](#); representative.michael.cronk@akleg.gov
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17 Please
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 7:32:24 PM

Good evening:

We are asking you to OPPOSE HB17 which proposes to add "sexual orientation and gender identity/expression as special protected categories under Alaska's anti-discrimination law. This will result in biological men competing on women's sports teams; Christian-run businesses being sued for not participating in same-sex weddings; men using restrooms/locker rooms designated for women. This IS NOT RIGHT!

HB 17 is a discriminatory bill! Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to act in a manner consistent with their consciences. Please OPPOSE HB 17!

Respectfully,
John Wisel
Patty Wisel
[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, AK 99712

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: H.B. 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 7:41:37 PM

Please OPPOSE HB 17, which threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association for Alaskans. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities

Barbara Johnson
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 9:00:48 PM

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Thank you for opposing HB 17!

Jerel and Kimberly Price
Anchorage, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Subject: No on HB17
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 6:09:02 AM

I oppose HB17 and hope you will also.

Peter Parker
Eagle River

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: I am opposed to HB 17
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 9:19:29 AM

Hi,

Humanity has a tendency to make fun (and worse) of those brothers and sisters who are different. We cast them as somehow inferior. Thus the BLM movement arose as a correction. For all of my 75 years there have been butch gals and effeminate men. I propose that it's our failure to respect them as "just folks" that's caused this growth in transgender stuff. If we accepted people for who they are, each with their own gifts (note the fashion industry as an example), people wouldn't feel they were the wrong sex.

So, the problem is respecting everyone. The solution is NOT to tear up what are natural long-standing societal practices. In terms of our epidemic, don't prescribe crazy medication that is ineffective, untried, and likely to do harm. That's exactly what HB17 is. Natural-born gender is what it is and is a distinction that is best acknowledged by everyone.

As a kid riding buses near Chicago, there were ads for hair straightening and skin bleaching. Pretending to be white may have seemed advisable until you look at the structure that made that appear a good idea.

Accept people for who everyone is. Don't legitimize a sub-class of unfortunates and start confusing athletics, bathrooms, and social support arrangements (shelters for women). That cure is most clearly worse than any disease it tries to solve.

Jim Durand [REDACTED] Anchorage 99515 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Rights bill
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 12:41:09 PM

Mr. Claman

I am opposed to this bill as I don't agree that sexual orientation should have rights which supersede those of biological males & females. To allow such is a travesty.

Thank you

Sheri Vance

Sent from my iPhone - Sheri Vance

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR;

COMMITTEE: HOUSE JUDICIARY

CHAIR: House Judiciary Chair & all Committee Members

BILL: HB 17

SPONSER: Rep. Josephson, Hopkins, Tarr, Hannan, Drummund, Schrage,
Spohnholz, Kreiss-Tomkins, Story, Snyder, Fields

DATE: 02/08/2022

My name is DENNY KAY WEATHERS, I live on Hawkins Island in Prince William Sound. For the record I strongly **oppose** HB 17.

I was born into a family with seven siblings (four boys and three girls), I am the mother of two adult male sons, the Grandmother of two Grandsons and two Granddaughters and two step-Grandchildren. I also am an Aunt to many nephews and nieces, Great and Great-Great of which out of all of us (approx. 113 and growing) only two have had gender issues (both are in their twenties). But with all families there are issues; there were a few in the family that were alcoholics, smokers, drug users and two ended up in prison for breaking the law but at no time did we ever turn our backs on any of them; no, a good Christian will try to help anyone in need but that person must be receptive to help first.

The problem is when the Government starts regulating the law by how a **certain group of people determine their "WILL"** (i.e. how they want to determine their own gender or wants to be identified as something different) it becomes a problem and rather than encourage their identity issues we should be helping them overcome them with loving kindness and truth.

Most people cannot tell the difference between a Paedophile and a Heterosexual but Paedophiles (as defined by the fifth Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) are **individuals** who are **preferentially or solely sexually attracted** to prepubescent children, generally 13 years or less. That is a Paedophile's sexual orientation and expression, but it is morally **WRONG!!!**

There are distinct classifications for other attractions to children, depending on the developmental stage the adult is **sexually attracted** to. Those who find children on the cusp of puberty sexually attractive are known as “hebephiles”.

“Ephebophiles” are individuals who are **sexually attracted** to children who have reached puberty. HB 17 as written would also protect the sexual orientation and expression of a Paedophile, a Hebephile and a Ephebophile or anyone else that has a misdirected view of a sexual orientation or expression. HB 17 is morally wrong!

I do agree that **NO ONE** should discriminate against your race, religion, color, national ancestry, physical or mental disabilities, age, **biological** sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood.

The new text added in HB 17 could add all kinds of new fantasy sexual orientation and expression (what do you want, Sodom and Gomorrah all over again). Your new text will also discriminate against my religion because how can I help someone without quoting the bible. All I see with your new addition is that you are fostering one group’s fictitious agenda over many Alaskans whom still believe in “Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Alaska”

WE THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA, grateful to **God** and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land, **in order to secure and transmit to succeeding generations our heritage of political, civil, and religious liberty** within the Union of States, do ordain and establish this constitution for the State of Alaska.

DENNY KAY WEATHERS

c/o [REDACTED]

Cordova, Alaska

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: RE: HB 17
Date: Monday, February 14, 2022 8:45:03 AM

Greetings Judiciary Committee Members:

Please do not pass HB 17 in the legislature. This bill seeks to prevent discrimination. However, the negatives from the passing of such a bill would greatly harm Alaskans with religious convictions. Now in America we have bakers who get put out of business because their religious convictions would not allow them to make a wedding cake for a same sex couple. These kind of laws destroy women's sports, businesses, etc. Freedom of religion and speech is very important part of our U.S. Constitution.

Please do not pass HB 17 or any other bills that violate our freedoms found in the U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely,

James K. Johnson

[REDACTED]

Soldotna, AK
99669

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:25:11 AM

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose House Bill 17!

It is a shame that we in America has come to this place.

The power or right to act, speak, believe and live as one wants without restraint – Freedom.

The obligation to agree with another individual with no choice to disagree or personal preference allowed – communism

If one has the right to say something is true, another should also have the right to say it's wrong.
That's freedom of speech.

If House Bill 17 passes it will just be another brick in the wall against freedom. One day we will wake and find we have willingly built our own prison.

I thank God for you and your willingness to serve this great nation. I am praying God to also give you wisdom.

- Stephen Ramirez

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:57:22 AM

I am unable to testify on HB17 this a.m. so please accept this as my testimony .

This bill as written will have a negative impact on students and society as a whole. It is inhumane and will subject many more students to bullying and stigmatization and lead to mental health and death by suicide of our youth! This bill not only denies students the right to participate in sports as their true selves but violates their right to privacy. How will the coaches and teachers determine who can participate? It will be based on stereotypes and fears or illegal body searches.

This bill is discriminatory and does nothing to equalize the playing of sports. We should be looking at equal funding and opportunity for students of all colors and stripes not banning students because of fear. Please vote NO on this bigoted and backward bill. I find no redeeming clause or words on this needless hateful bill.

Thank you for the work you do to support all of Alaskans!

Shirley Dean

[REDACTED]

Douglas, AK 99824

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17 - Oppose
Date: Sunday, March 13, 2022 7:44:00 PM

My name is Charlotte Van Zee, I grew up in Soldotna, Alaska played varsity soccer in High School, and now live in Anchorage. I still have strong connections to the KPenn. I oppose HB17 for the following reasons:

Things that damaged me physically / psychologically during gym class and competing in sports while in school:

1. Weight scales and BMI charts
2. Poorly fitted athletic shoes (no one explained that running shouldn't hurt your feet/shins until I got to college)
3. Emphasis on "winning" and meeting an arbitrary "average" versus having fun and moving
4. No one noticing I likely had exercise induced asthma
5. Having a sports physical where my puberty stage was physically assessed, even though this had no bearing on my ability to play a sport.

Things that would have had absolutely no effect on me physically / psychologically as a teenage athlete: Transgender and gender nonconforming peers.

Having my puberty stage assessed as a part of my sports physical felt needlessly invasive and embarrassing to my 17-year-old self, even though the procedure involved minimal physical touch on the part of my physician -- an assessment which included looking to see if I had hair growing in my armpits and between my legs. If it was hard for me, someone who both presented as and identified as female, I can't imagine how much harder it would be for my trans sisters and brothers.

This bill, if passed, will be used to punish not only trans youth, but any gender-nonconforming youth as well. A girl with short hair, a lean physique, and a record breaking run time would have to endure accusations and pointless exams in order to prove she was "female" enough to compete.

Gender is "assigned" at birth based on appearances, not genetic testing. To even begin enforcing this bill the state would have to start paying to test the genetics of all athletes. Then it would have to decide what to do with athletes who tested XXY, XXX, XYY, X, XXXXY, XXXXX, or XY intersex presenting as female since birth. Not even getting into mosaicism (where one person has two sets of DNA), plus 9 other sex chromosome mutations. That's not even opening up the controversy over what to do with athletes who naturally produce higher testosterone levels, male or female.

Once again, I oppose HB17, which is based in bigotry, likely unconstitutional, and unenforceable.

Thank you

Charlotte Van Zee