

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Sarah King [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 11:44 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: HB 183

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Hello,

I am writing to you today to show that I, as well as others in the community, are strongly against HB 183. I feel like this is a step backwards for all human rights regardless of how someone might identify. HB 183 violates students privacy as it sounds like it would require educators and coaches to decide and police whether a student is trans or not. That is absolutely not acceptable and violates medical rights of the student. I am very disappointed in our legislature for even considering such a harmful bill as this. Students have the right to play sports. Please consider how detrimental this bill would be to the emotional and social well being of students.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sarah Hnilicka, Fairbanks Resident.

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Angela Gail Birt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 6:21 AM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: Support for HB 183

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I'm a resident of Eagle River, AK and I'm writing to express my support for HB 183 - the protection of women's sports. Women fought hard for parity in sport and now that equality is being stripped away by the presence of men in competitions and locker rooms.

Women and girls have the right to be safe from indecent exposure in showers, locker rooms and changing areas and they have the right to compete against other women and not risk injury from a man who is bigger, stronger and built differently.

I have no opinion on the transgender community, but their presence in women sport takes away opportunities for women and girls.

Angela G. Birt
Eagle River, AK
Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Andy Hird [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 10:36 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: Thank you

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Rep Allard, thank you for HB183. I pray it passes. Andy Hird, Eagle River Sent from my iPad

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Irene Quednow [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:19 AM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: Testimony HB183

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Dear Representative Allard,

I am in full support of HB 183. I have emailed this testimony in before and nothing has really changes in my stance for women's sports. So here it is again:

Title IX brought about important rights for women in sports and if transgender males are allowed in women's sports everything that was achieved with Title IX will disappear (see excerpt of an article on Title IX below).

TITLE IX'S IMPACT

The impact of Title IX on women's sports is significant. The law opened doors and removed barriers for girls and women, and while female athletes and their sports programs still have fewer teams, fewer scholarships, and lower budgets than their male counterparts, since Title IX's passage, female participation at the high school level has grown by 1057 percent and by 614 percent at the college level. The impact of Title IX stretches into professional sports as well. More opportunities have emerged for young women to turn their sport into their career, particularly in the WNBA. Collegiate and professional coaching opportunities have increased as well.

Billie Jean King created the [Women's Sports Foundation](#) in part to protect the sports side of Title IX. Title IX remains the only law that grants women any kind of equality in America.

Even with a sex change surgery and hormone therapy there are physical aspects like bone density and greater physical strength that will not change in a transgender male, putting the person at a great advantage in competition with women that is simply unfair.

To make it practical: we celebrated Lydia Jacoby's gold medal in the Olympics not too long ago. One of our own Alaskan incredible women athletes. That would most likely never have happened if a transgender male would have competed in the same swimming competition as Lydia.

The argument is being made that it will gravely affect the self esteem of the transgender person if they are not allowed to compete in women's sports. What about the self esteem of the women's athletes? Why would they put all the hard work in to compete when their opponent in the competition has such a huge and unfair advantage? That is a huge blow to their self esteem. By allowing transgender males to compete in women's sports you are telling all women that their hard work and accomplishments mean nothing and one person's self esteem is more important than another person's self esteem. And that is never ok.

Please vote "yes" on HB183.

Respectfully,

Irene Quednow

Irene Quednow

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Rep. Jamie Allard

From: J Stokes [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:54 AM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: House Bill 183

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Hello, Jamie

My name is Jas Stokes. I live in the Fairbanks community on the ancestral lands of the Lower Tanana Dene peoples.

I am writing to you today in opposition to House Bill 183.

As we all know, school years are some of the most formative years of our lives. Participation in extracurricular activities helps students form bonds that have the potential to last lifetimes. Situations that occur at school have a profound effect on these students. Unfortunately, trauma inflicted during socialization at school can sometimes be the deciding factor in the life of a student.

The students that are hurt the most by HB 183 may already be struggling with mental health as well as a variety of other issues. This bill will single these students out for further discrimination. The greatest injustice of this bill is that it originates not with the children it is intended to serve but rather from biased government and state officials. That is why I am writing to you, to be a voice for these students in an arena they don't even have direct access to.

School years can be some of the hardest times for a youth that feels isolated or excluded, which is just what this bill will do. Even though it is apparent this bill is targeting trans youth, I want you to be assured that it has the potential to affect every single student at a school.

There are so many other addressable inadequacies, such as the overall lack of funding and resources for some of these sports teams, for these sometimes life-changing extra curriculars. I doubt you want to take away a student's opportunity to participate in these activities altogether. That is why I am urging you to ensure this bill is not passed.

Thank you for allowing me to verbalize my opinion on this issue and for your consideration of my testimony.

Jas Stokes (they/them)

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Marin K [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 10:03 AM
To: House Education; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Cathy Tilton
Subject: Opposition to HB 183

Greetings House Education Committee,

After sitting on the phone for an hour and a half this morning, I had to return to work and was unable to provide testimony. I am writing now to express my opposition to HB 183.

I am a woman, and mom, who has benefited from sports in my life, and who was also a beneficiary of Title 9. I understand the concern of a small handful of athletes however I am opposed to HB 183.

My children, a boy and a girl, have spent their whole lives in Fairbanks schools. What they are concerned about is:

- Wildfire smoke and climate change
- Air quality
- The possibility of being shot at while at school
- The stress and fatigue their teachers are under because of a lack of school funding

The Alaska I love is a live-and-let-live state where my neighbor can keep his 20 goats and a full machine shop on his property, and I can do as I like, within zoning, on my property. We are not a police state where our schools have to police gender. HB 183 further encumbers our overcommitted schools and erodes personal rights and privacy.

I get that a trans youth might make some people uncomfortable.

Life is not always easy.

Let's work on something that will benefit all of Alaska's kids like overriding the Governor's veto on SB140.

Thank you,

Marin Kuizenga

Fairbanks AK

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Karen H [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 9:24 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: HB 183

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Thank you and Representative McKay for bringing this bill forward. I gave my request to my representatives, rep. Story and Senator Kiehl that if given an opportunity I'd want their YES votes.

Keep up the good work.
God bless you both for standing on common sense and working to remove nonsense . Wickedness even.

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: D.C. [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 7:26 PM
To: House Education; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Thomas McKay
Subject: Oppose HB 183

This is a bill whose impact will be catastrophic for Alaska's LGBTQ youth. LGBTQ kids already deal with overwhelming bullying in schools and are thus more likely to die by suicide as it is, according to the Trevor Project. Robbing LGBTQ youth of the choice to participate in sports not only robs them of a voluntary socializing opportunity that is crucial to anyone's social-emotional learning and growth, it also encourages more incidents like what happened to Nex Benedict in Oklahoma. This bill is embarrassing and flies in the face of everything Alaskans stand for. I oppose HB 183 and strongly implore all of you to kill this bill.

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Daniella Ambrosino May [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:36 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard; House Education; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Sen. Kelly Merrick
Subject: **OPPOSE HB 183**

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My name is Daniella May, and I live in Eagle River. I am contacting you today in opposition to HB 183. I oppose this bill because transgender children exist, and all kids deserve to play sports, and interact with their peers. Sports are a crucial part of many children's development, and trans girls should not be given less opportunities to participate. This bill is also a threat to the privacy of all student athletes in this state. This bill is extremist pandering, and it is absolutely disgusting to be attempting to legislate youth sports.

Thank you,
Daniella

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Regards,
Daniella N. Ambrosino May

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Kim [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 5:16 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: Transgender athletes

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Representative, may I see the data that you have to prove your claim to unfair advantage?

Some politicians are pretty free with claims but very short on facts to substantiate their claims. I am sure that is not the case with yourself.

How many female sports players are there in Alaska and what percentage of those women are transgender male to female? Of if math isn't your forte, how many women, in Alaska, are competitive athletes and of those how many are transgender?

What percentage of "winners" are cis gender and what percentage are transgender?

How many times have transgender female players not been "winners"?

Thank you for your reply.

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Rep. Jamie Allard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:42 AM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: HB 183

Rep Allard,
My wife and I strongly support HB183! We hope that you are able to get the support of the AK House and Senate to have it become AK Law.
Les & Wendy
Eagle River

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Paul [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 10:41 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: draft amendments for HB183
Attachments: HB183 draft amendments.docx

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Rep Allard, here are some suggested amendments that I think makes your bill much stronger. It is hard to argue against the safety issues.

You could ask those testifying against it "Why do you think we have boys and girls teams in the first place?" "Do you think larger, stronger and faster biological males could injure female players?"

I will testify from the point of view of a 16 year old female hockey player. To have them play against boys would be a real safety danger.

wishing you all the best with this legislation.

Paul Fuhs
[REDACTED]

Rep. Jamie Allard

From: Kristopher Schmidt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 8:14 AM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: HB 183

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Dear Representative Allard,

I agree wholeheartedly with your HB183 on all accounts except, in my profession, I have actually witnessed an altered birth certificate where the male had it changed that he was born a female. This is absurd, and changing official documents that were signed years ago should never be allowed. I just wanted to make sure you were aware that, in some cases, they are going back and changing their birth certificates too.

Thank you for what you do!

--
K. Schmidt

We grow through what we go through