

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Donna Millwood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 7:21 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Women's rights

Common sense must come into play in this decision. There are 2 genders Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Mike Alexander [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 7:19 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

If I were a member of this committee, voting in favor of HB183 would be a "no brainier" for me. Hopefully, your commitment to do the right thing for Alaska's female athletes will dwarf your fear of the ACLU.

Mike Alexander  
Big Lake Alaska

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**From:** Danika Ulrich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 7:19 AM  
**To:** House Education; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB183 Public Testimony

Elected officials,

My name is Danika Sanders from Palmer, Alaska. As a military spouse, small business owner, volunteer, and above all a. Try loud and proud parent of a transgender student. I volunteer my time before you today to oppose HB 183. This bill undermines gender equality progress and discriminates against transgender students.

HB 183 represents a regrettable step back, fostering division and adversely affecting our children and communities. As lawmakers, I remind you that your primary responsibility is to protect all constituents, not to endorse legislation that marginalizes them.

I urge you, to reject HB 183. Commit to inclusivity, fairness, and respect for every individual's dignity.

Danika Sanders  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Irene Quednow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 7:15 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Testimony HB183

Dear Representatives,

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

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**From:** Daniel McCarthy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 7:08 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

To Alaska State Legislators:

As an Alaskan citizen I encourage you to support HB 183. Please help to keep high school sports fair by preventing biological males from competing against biological females.

Thank you, Daniel McCarthy.

GO TO CONFESSION!

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**From:** Tami Tobia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 6:57 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Protect girls sports

I strongly urge you to advance House Bill 183 to protect girls sports from biological boys competing against girls. Not only is it extremely unfair to allow biological boys to compete against girls, but it can also be physically dangerous. As a mother whose daughter was injured competing against a biological boy, I know first hand the risks to girls. Please advance this bill.

Tamela Tobia  
Eagle River, AK

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**From:** Earl and Karen Lackey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 6:48 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB183

House Education,

Please pass HB183 and save Alaska's girls in sports.

Earl P. Lackey  
President | Mat Valley Sportsmen Incorporated  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** John Dittrich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 6:20 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183 - Support

Good morning

Title IX was created and passed for a reason - to allow (among other non discriminatory gender measures) females to have an even playing field with their male counterparts when it comes to student athletics. Title IX did not consider transgenders at the time because, in my opinion quite frankly, nobody would have suspected there would ever be such a thing to have to consider back then.

Simply put, to participate in girls athletics you must have been born with a vagina. Period.

Full support of HB 183.

John Dittrich  
District 12

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**From:** Mary Sperry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 6:15 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Hello

Please support HB 183. Girl athletes who train for years deserve. to compete against other girls.

Mary Sperry

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 6:01 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** protect the integrity of Womens sports

Hello,

I would like to put my support behind HB183 and ask the AK House Education Committee to vote YES on HB183 and keep boys out of girls sports.

Proclaiming to be a female doesn't give anyone the right to be able to compete against women and eliminate their hopes and dreams and hard work.

Thank you,

Tony Flanders

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Joyce Parks  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 12:01 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

Suicide is a major issue with trans kids just struggling to make it through the day. This bill is awful & discriminatory & will increase the risk of their death. Schools offer young trans girls the opportunity to participate. Extracurricular activities have been found to promote positive youth development. Why would you want to interfere with a child's emotional, physical development, & over all well-being? That is cruelty at the highest level.

This bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to fully participate in their school community. All students deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. To protect students' privacy and push back against discrimination, please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team.

If this is something you support, I will be giving very serious consideration of not voting for you again. Surely you have more pressing issues to deal with than terrorizing girls because their gender identify does not coincide with yours.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Parks

[REDACTED]

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Joyce Parks  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 12:00 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Joyce Parks

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**From:** Holly Reyes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 11:45 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Thomas McKay; House Education  
**Subject:** HB183 - Protecting Women

Hello:

I am writing in favor of HB183 that would ban trans-athletes from competing against their birth genetics.

As a woman and former college athlete, I was afforded opportunities in sports that gave me purpose. I didn't grow up in money and getting sport scholarships helped me go to college. I had natural ability, but you better believe I worked my tail off to be a good player. If I would have been bumped from a team or spot because a trans-female beat me out, I would have been hurt, confused, and angry that no one protected my rights as a dedicated female athlete.

I competed as a clean athlete and never once used performance enhancing drugs (PEDs). On any level I have competed in, it was always disheartening to find out there were females I had to compete against taking PEDs. Now, there's mediocre male athletes, putting on girl face, and finding "success" in female sports. It's a whole new level of PEDs.

There is not a fair way to take a male and accurately fill him with hormones to equate that of a female. There's not, nor will ever be, a trans-female who knows the issues of training and competing with menstruation. Every. Single. Month. There's only boys. The XY chromosomes definitely have physical advantages over XX chromosomes.

The trans-female athletes and their supporters are the only misogynists that insist on inserting males into females spaces. They have the audacity to tell women and girls: "Lose more gracefully." This goes beyond a participation trophy. Sports allows females opportunities that can change and better their lives. Feminism needs to be protected. Women deserve fair and honest opportunities.

Protect women.  
Protect women's sports.  
Protect women's opportunities.  
Protect women's spaces.  
Protect women's locker rooms.  
Protect women's privacy.  
Protect women's fitness.  
Protect women's mental health.  
Protect women.

It's not just a sport. It was never just sports.

Protect a woman's purpose.

Thank you,

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**From:** Chris Coffman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 11:26 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Oppose HB 183

Dear Representatives,

Thank you for your service in the Alaska House. I'm writing today to ask you to oppose HB 183, an unnecessary bill that will harm children.

I ask you to oppose this bill because all children should have the opportunity to thrive. HB 183, however, targets a particularly vulnerable group of children who urgently need support: transgender girls. Trans children, like all children, have the best chance of thriving when they are supported and treated like their peers.

HB 183 is dangerous because it does the opposite by banning trans girls from playing on teams with other girls: and by doing so from an early age.

Like all students, transgender children deserve the same opportunities to learn teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, and self-discipline. Whereas participation in sports fosters belonging, HB 183 unjustly marginalizes trans students and reduces their chance of thriving.

I ask you to prevent this injustice by opposing HB 183.

Thank you again for your service on behalf of all Alaskans.

Sincerely,  
Chris Coffman  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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**From:** Michael Jones <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 9:43 PM  
**To:** House Education; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Subject:** Support for HB 183

Representative Allard,  
House Education Committee

Thank you, Representative Allard, for demonstrating such courage for sponsoring this important Bill. I expect you are receiving all kinds of hate mail from a small population of special interest based organized opponents who give the impression that they represent the majority of thought on this subject. Rest assured, they do not. Common sense, intuitive, everyday people understand that men competing in women's sports is harmful for all the reasons noted in the bill. However, everyday people are striving just to make ends meet and raise families. They don't always have the ability to participate in the legislative process. Have comfort that the vast majority of people of this state agree with the principles included in this bill. The bill is well written and states the obvious. Count me in support of HB 183

Mike Jones  
Homer



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 9:22 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

**Importance:** High

To Members of House of Education -

Suicide is a big deal with trans kids. Why would you as a representative of our state want to contribute to appalling discriminatory behavior that increases the risk of their death?

The trauma would be significant for their families & others that love them. You do not have the right to bully these kids with harmful decisions you may be making as our state reps.

Do you really not have anything more important to deal with? You should be allies for these kids not terrorizing them because their gender identity does not coincide with yours.

HB 183 violates basic privacy rights since it will likely require educators & coaches to police whether a student is trans or not, which the school is not legally or ethically authorized to do under medical privacy laws, professionalism.

I hope you give some serious thoughtful consideration to this before you act.

Regards

Joyce D. Parks  
Fairbanks, AK

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Kali Saxton-Shaw  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 9:00 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

HB 183 is a discriminatory bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to fully participate in their school community. All students deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

The narrow definition of "sex" (only male or female) invalidates people's gender identity, and completely erases intersex individuals, who do exist in our own community.

As a medical professional on the Kenai Peninsula who has assisted with hundreds of deliveries, I can attest that sex designated at birth and gender are not as clear as a birth certificate makes them out to be. Taking care of people across the life span has illustrated the dire consequences of singling out trans individuals.

To protect students' privacy and push back against discrimination, please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team.

Sincerely,  
Kali Saxton-Shaw

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**From:** Lin Davis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 8:40 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Cc:** Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 183

March 24, 2024

Dear House Education Committee:

I'm a 30-year Juneau resident, and I totally oppose HB 183. As an LGBTQ person I've been working for our basic human rights since 1975. Sometimes I feel like a domestic violence survivor, living through many national waves of hate.

In the words of Poet Langston Hughes  
"I am so tired of waiting,  
Aren't you,  
For the world to become good  
And beautiful and kind?"

Yes, Langston, me too. I urge this committee to focus on the good, the beautiful, the kind. Let's educate our kids not frighten them. Let's lift them up. Encourage their excellence. Let our public schools be a community blanket toss. With joy let them rise into their best and brightest selves.

When students access the deepest, truest parts of themselves, they excel. HB 183 bullies all students, not just trans kids. HB 183 is knives in the mind, all kids under government scrutiny.

Let's all be brave as we say No to the proposed cruelty in HB 183. This is government control. It's mean, it's venom toward a very small group of Alaskans.

I was a very shy kid. Felt like a mute swan. No confidence. Playing sports helped me talk and connect, find friends. A lifeline. Field hockey, volleyball, basketball. Learned to love myself and others through playing sports.

All kids deserve to play. Alaska already has a regulation on this topic. HB 183 extends the cruelty to K-12. Frighten all kids. Start the anxiety young.

HB 183 is thick with discrimination – right to privacy, unreasonable search, equal protection, Title 9 issues. Tax payer money will fly out the window in legal challenges. Meanwhile classes get bigger, school roofs leak, school computers die, teachers leave the state.

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**From:** Jan Whalen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 6:57 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

My name is Janice Michaud-Whalen and I live in Valdez, Alaska. I'm a retired teacher and coach. I find House Bill 183 to be unnecessarily discriminatory and damaging. I think it's not needed, and is just a knee-jerk reaction to hyped-up fear about LGBTQIA people.

### Under Legislative Findings and Intent

#3 it says ,...significant biological and physiological differences between males and females, including greater strength, speed, and endurance capabilities among males on average, provide a competitive advantage to male athletes in sports."

Now, that may be true of ADULT athletes, but if you did any research, you'd know that those attributes may not apply, depending on when a person began their transition. If it was before puberty, this would not be true.

I don't know if you remember your early teen years, but I do. Several of my friends and I were taller and more coordinated than boys our age in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. We played basketball during recess, and we girls consistently won. I was far more coordinated than my twin brother, who got his height, but his coordination didn't catch up until he was 20.

Instead of passing a discriminatory bill, how about paying attention to schools' real needs: equal funding for sports, better pay for teachers, and decent benefits and retirement plans. That's where the work needs to be done.

Thank you.

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**From:** Charles Jolin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 5:53 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Please save women's sports by having only biological women compete. Follow the science and hopefully you will make the right decision.

Sent from my iPhone

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Tawana Jolin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 5:51 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Please protect girls' sports. It is pretty simple really. Do the right thing.  
Sent from my iPhone

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 5:15 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Dear Alaska Legislators,

Male puberty gives undeniable strength and size advantages when compared to female puberty. In the name of fairness and safety, keep girls' sports for biological girls!

Sincerely,  
Kathy and Curt Burgoyne

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**From:** Crittenden Family iPad [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 4:17 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Thank you for reading my email.

I am writing in opposition to this bill. Please read on.

I am a mother of a transgender young adult female so I feel qualified to speak to this matter.

I feel strongly that unless you or any of those in agreement with this discriminatory bill are transgender or the parent of a transgender girl you aren't bringing any wisdom to the discussion. You are thinking with your feelings or the feelings of your constituents who you feel obliged to represent.

However, what's at stake here are the lives of others. Not yourselves.

You have to ask yourself what evidence do I have that any of these girls are unfairly advantaged? How many transgender girls verses cisgender girls are we talking about?

How many races have the transgender girls won verses the cisgender girls?

You have to ask yourself is this really an issue of disadvantage or is it an issue of you just not liking the idea of transgenders at the table? They should just disappear.

How many of you, parents, teachers, or coaches have researched what transgender means scientifically or medically?

Until you can look in the mirror and answer these very basic questions honestly all of you are blatantly discriminating.

And you know it.

Is this what you want to hang your hats on at the expense of a young girls opportunity?

You're making decisions in a life that only the parent or caregiver of a transgender, or the doctor of a transgender should be making.

And frankly, it's none of your business. It's a non issue now and always will be.

Do better.

Oppose this hurtful targeting.

Respectfully,

Mollie Crittenden

Mother

Sent from my good wishes



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**From:** cthysu m [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 4:07 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Rep. Jamie Allard's bill, HB183

Pass a law to protect girls sports permanently, pass a law so girls can compete in their own sport - on a level playing field.

Steve & Cathy Moore

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**From:** Kevin Banks [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 12:15 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Cathy Tilton; House Education  
**Cc:** Rep. Calvin Schrage  
**Subject:** I Oppose HB 183

Ms. Allard  
Mr. McKay  
Ms. Tilton  
Chair and Members of the House Education Committee

I am distressed to see that HB 183 "An Act relating to school athletics, recreation, athletic teams, and sports; and providing for an effective date" or more appropriately called "The Trans Sports Ban" has been introduced.

I live in Anchorage and raised three wonderful and well-educated children who all attended public schools in the Anchorage School District. I also have members within my extended family who, if they were students in Alaska public schools, would be denied participating in sports and recreational activities within our state. Clearly, HB 183 would invade their privacy. This bill would expose them to potential bullying with the implied consent of their own government.

You may think this is an exaggeration, but I assure you that your support of this bill has consequences and the state will be held accountable. Victims of this bill will immediately sue the state to protect their constitutional right of privacy and their rights for equal protection under law.

I cherish Alaska and its diversity. I chose to live here because it offered the freedom and liberty to live a full life and raise a family safe from prejudice and discrimination. HB 183 represents a deep retreat from these qualities. Please do not support HB 183.

Thank you for your public service.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Banks

[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99507  
[REDACTED]

cc: Representative Calvin Schrage

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**From:** Paula Davis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 11:40 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Dear House Education Committee,

Thanks for all your hard work.

I firmly oppose HB 183.

I have taught in private and public schools at all levels, from preschool to high school. I am a parent and a grandparent and have lived in Alaska for over 40 years. I've seen that children need adults to nurture and lead them through the challenges of childhood in this modern age. They need adults to defend their rights and respect their innate differences, not look for ways to exclude them from healthy activities like sports. HB 183 would harm these children and will also violate the privacy of the student as well as the family.

Please vote against HB 183!

Sincerely,  
Paula Davis  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Marin Granholm <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 9:55 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 183  
**Attachments:** Re HB 183.pdf

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**From:** Jennine Williamson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 6:59 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Please do not ban trans girls from participating in youth sports. It is a violation of student rights and frankly a nonissue.

More kids need to be physically active and participating in sports. Get them off their devices. You should not discourage anyone from doing so by making laws against it! That's nuts.

Thank you for your consideration

Jennine Williamson

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks AK 99709

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**From:** Joclyn Reilly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 5:30 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

I oppose HB 183. This bill is harmful to all children, especially our most vulnerable.

Sincerely,  
Joclyn Reilly  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ben Preston <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 5:20 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 183! Sports are for everyone!

Dear Representatives,

HB 183 is unnecessary discrimination; we do not need it & we do not want it!

Fairness is important, but I've been in many coed sports practices & events. I've seen the ability overlap for boys & girls. I've also seen some of the statistics & given how rare trans youth are. For this issue, there just is no there there.

This bill would stigmatize & discriminate against a small number of youth for no reason. It would, however, bring more threats and harm to those kids. As well as, potentially opening avenues of attack against unpopular or especially talented non-trans girls.

In short, no good can come of this bill.

Increasing the number & opportunity of coed sports would be a much more productive approach, without needing to sacrifice anyone's safety.

Please vote no on HB 183.

Thank you,  
Ben Preston  
(Anchorage, AK)

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Benjamin Preston  
[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 4:03 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 183. Sports are for everyone.

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

School sports were very important to me growing up in Anchorage. I learned a lot about teamwork, sportsmanship, and especially not judging a book by the cover. I want that same positive experience for all our current Alaskan students. HB 183 is a discriminatory bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to fully participate in their school community. Please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team. Alaska is big enough that we can make space for all of our differences.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Benjamin Preston



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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Maureen Knutsen  
[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 4:03 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

HB 183 is a discriminatory bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to fully participate in their school community.

As a 31-year (retired) employee of my local public school, I strongly believe that all students deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. To protect students' privacy and push back against discrimination, please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team.

Sincerely,

Maureen Knutsen

ALASKA PENINSULA Hwy Naknek, AK 99633

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**From:** Heidi Heimerl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 11:58 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Oppose HB183

Hello,

My name is Heidi Heimerl and I reside in the Anchorage Municipality. I'm writing to urge you to strongly oppose HB 183. All young people deserve to feel safe and supported in our community and especially at school where youth spend the majority of their time. May I remind you of the research around LGBTQ+ youth (Trevor Project, CDC, etc.):

- The rate of attempting suicide among LGBTQ+ youth is more than FOUR times the rate of suicide attempts among all US youth, due to the societal and relationship challenges these young people face.
- Challenges may include stigma, family rejection, bullying, threats of injury, violence, and increasingly limited access to healthcare.
- Higher rates of depression among LGBTQ+ population leads to higher rates of substance misuse and addiction as a form of self-medication or coping for their mental health.
- Research has consistently shown that support and acceptance from caregivers leads to better mental health, greater self-acceptance, and enhanced well-being among LGBTQ+ youth.

All the bills going through the Alaska legislature targeting youth and people who may be "different" from you only impacts the most vulnerable among us. How about making decisions about funding education or ways to decrease stigma for mental health or substance misuse or homelessness or increasing compassion on how to support one another vs. creating more fear around something you may know nothing about? There are far more productive ways to use your time in the legislature. This bill and all others impacting LGBTQ+ individuals continues to threaten the health and safety of our LGBTQ+ neighbors and does nothing for "parental rights."

Again, I strongly urge you to oppose HB 183 and all others targeting the LGBTQ+ community.

Heidi Heimerl  
99502

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mary Hutchison [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 11:17 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Girls sports

Please do the right thing and include only biological born girls in girls sports.

You can go to your grave knowing you did the right thing.

Mary Hutchison  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Soldotna AK 99669

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**From:** Launa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 12:50 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB183

Please permanently protect Alaskan girls by passing HB183. Females deserve to play against other females. It's not right that men are now dominating women's sports- it takes women's rights back years! Not to mention all the girls getting injured being forced to play against biological men now days. Men have an advantage in muscle mass and bone structure and that's the reason women's sports came to be. Please protect our women and girls and do not send us back to a time before women had the right to play fairly with other biological women on a level playing field.

Protect our girls from having to change in front of biological men. If things keep going this way, we will end up like Canada where a 55 year old mad can "identify" as a 13 year old girl giving him the right to play on the 13 year old girls team and change in front of 13 year old girls! Seems pretty crazy! But it's going to happen here if we don't put the breaks on now.

Launa Welton

Sent from my iPhone

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Adam McComb  
[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 12:02 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

HB 183 is a discriminatory bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to fully participate in their school community. All students deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. To protect students' privacy and push back against discrimination, please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team.

Sincerely,  
Adam McComb

[REDACTED]

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary Szatkowski  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 12:02 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

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Sincerely,  
Mary Szatkowski

[REDACTED]

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Laura Greet  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 9:59 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

HB 183 is a discriminatory bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to fully participate in their school community. All students deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. To protect students' privacy and push back against discrimination, please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team.

There are much bigger issues to deal with in schools than preventing already stigmatized and at risk kids from participating with their peers. There is no evidence that letting trans kids participate in sports with the gender they identify is harmful or unfair. Please help your colleagues see reason as well and come together to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,  
Laura Greet

[REDACTED]

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Margaret Weaver <mmw831  
[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 8:05 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

Please oppose this terrible bill! I'm a grandmother of Alaskan children, and don't appreciate this hateful bit of proposed legislation, which does nothing but create more problems. Adolescence is tough enough without this kind of harassment of vulnerable kids. Let's get back to school funding!

HB 183 is a discriminatory bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to fully participate in their school community. All students deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. To protect students' privacy and push back against discrimination, please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Weaver  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Ginny Grabowski  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 7:53 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

HB 183 is a discriminatory bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to participate fully in their school community.

All students deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

To protect students' privacy and push back against discrimination, please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team.

These children are already marginalized, discriminated against, and bullied simply for trying to figure out who they are and how they fit into this world. Legislating against them further marginalizes them and increases these problems.

Please OPPOSE HB183 and let these kids be kids.

Sincerely,  
Ginny Grabowski

[REDACTED]

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Merry Kelly  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 6:35 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** PLEASE oppose HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

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Sincerely,  
Merry Kelly

[REDACTED]

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Cinda Nofziger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 4:27 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Thomas McKay; House Education; Rep. Cathy Tilton  
**Subject:** HB 183

Hello,

I'm writing to let you know that I vehemently oppose HB 183. It is discriminatory. It violates all student privacy. It opens schools up to costly and unnecessary lawsuits. Fundamentally, it hurts kids.

I am a parent of a middle schooler, and work with you as part of my job. I live and work in Homer. I see the consequences when kids are discriminated against in school. This bill denies students equal opportunity to participate in sports and to gain the skills, self-esteem, and confidence that can come from participating. It harms all kids.

I'm very disheartened by this bill.

Sincerely,  
Cinda Nofziger

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Cinda Nofziger  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 4:18 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

I am deeply concerned about this bill. I am a parent, and a community member of Homer.

HB 183 is a discriminatory bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to fully participate in their school community. All students deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. We know what happens when LGBTQ+ students are discriminated against--mental health problems, increased possibility of suicide. Please help protect all our children by opposing this bill.

To protect students' privacy and push back against discrimination, please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team. They deserve to be.

Sincerely,  
Cinda Nofziger

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Amelia Pillifant <isinglass99@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 4:14 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

As a lifelong Alaskan currently working in public education, I believe HB 183 is a dangerous infringement on student's right to privacy. Legislation like this opens the door for children being scrutinized and harassed when they should be able to focus on their education and extracurriculars such as sports. No child deserves this, and most teachers are not qualified to examine whether or not a student is trans. Please oppose HB 183!

Sincerely,  
Amelia Pillifant

[REDACTED]

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Ceylon and/or Valerie Mitchell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 10:28 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Good morning,

The war on women and girls is alive and well. Please do not add to that tragedy; vote "yes" on HB 183. There is no reason for a biological male to compete against a female. Let's keep fair play at the forefront.

Thank you and have a great day!

Valerie Fletcher-Mitchell

"The heart of any problem is not the human condition; the problem, instead is the condition of the human heart."

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Jake Libbey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 9:49 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** I support HB183

Hello,

It pains me to even need to write this, but the world has lost its mind and fallacies don't cease to be fallacies, when they become fashions.

The idea that all the Title IX advancements to give young women the opportunity to succeed and thrive in athletics, in a division for female athletes would be allowed to disintegrate is appalling at best, and downright evil at worst.

I support HB183 for protecting the rights of girls to NOT have to compete against boys. Period. There is no planet where a teenage female and a teenage male are physically equal and playing with the same deck of genetic cards. History will record this season of humanity as a mass psychosis borne out of the need to prove you have compassion to a tyrannical minority, and that this was the season humanity realized that being in the minority does not mean you are right.

VOTE YES on HB183. The sane humans in the room will thank you, and the mentally ill will call you names. Expect it, and find your courage to do the right thing, because you KNOW it is the right thing.

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Sincerely,

**Jake LIBBEY, President, C3**



## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Shawn Aspelund [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 4:42 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB-183

Please for the love of Alaska, vote yes on HB-183 to preserve women's sports for humans born female.

Shawn Aspelund,

Sent from my iPhone



## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Buck, Brian R [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 5:35 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Yes on HB183

I would like you to vote yes on this bill. I don't think it is fair or right for biological males to compete against women in sports. Let's not ruin women's sports!

Thanks, Brian Buck  
Voter from Anchorage

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## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Ben Kaniut <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 2:17 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** YES on HB183

Please protect girls sports...it would be absurd not to!

Please vote YES on HB183

Ben Kaniut  
Anchorage

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Marietta Hall  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:40 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** I am a parent of a trans youth in your district

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

I've written you before and I am urging you to oppose HB 382. I am sure you have gotten a lot of pros and cons but I would love to have coffee and tell you about our journey and why legislation will not help the crisis going on. It is so much more nuance and you will be a better legislator if you get to know the personal side of this issue. Please learn about this and don't just vote your party line.

Sincerely,  
Marietta Hall

[REDACTED]

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Elyse Carroway <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:55 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Vote YES

Please listen to your constituents and vote YES on HB183. Protect the sanctity of girl sports. Don't ruin them for everyone. Thank you!

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Lena Merrell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:48 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183 opposition

My name is Lena Merrell, I am a Juneau resident and parent. I am writing after spending 2 hours listening to invited testimony and questions on HB 183 last Friday. Let there be no mistake-this is a fearmongering bill- the testimony spoke to fully grown men 'exposing themselves' to women. However this bill's purpose is to attack children trying to participate in sports, down to elementary age children. I think it is fair to look at the highest levels of competition, as invited testimony did. Trans women have been allowed to compete in the Olympics for 20 years. We have seen one trans athlete compete in the Olympics. In the NCAA there are 480,000 athletes. In 10 years since being allowed to compete, no trans athlete has been awarded a scholarship. In the US, assuming 1% of folks are trans (some say the number is more like 55), the NCAA should have 4,800 trans athletes. There are 32 openly trans athletes and only 2 are champions. Testimony earlier spoke to Lia Thomas. Lia won the 500 Freestyle at Women's Swimming NCAA Championships, becoming the first known transgender athlete to win an NCAA Championship title. 27 records were broken at NCAA Champs that year. Lia did not break a single one. Not an American, US Open, NCAA, Meet, or even a pool record. Her time would not have won in this meet for six out of the nine years prior. And, in some of those years, Lia's time would not even placed second. This is not domination.

If you care about fairness in womens sports, as Representative Allard claims to with HB 183, she'd have made a piece of legislation calling for equal pay, equal access, a bill addressing sexual assault, and racial and economic inequities that we know exist in women's sports. But she didn't. She instead is targeting and singling out children that want to play sports with their peers without discrimination.

This bill is not about trans children or protecting cis children. It's about power and control, the policing of bodies. How far are you willing to take this? Do 7 and 8 year olds play sports with their genitals? At what point is a gifted cis child too fast, too strong, or too good at her sport for her to be accused of being transgender? Cis gender girls are already being accused of being trans, being screamed at, threatened and forced off the field. Contrary to popular belief and the testimony of one athlete during invited testimony is that trans women who have undergone testosterone suppression have no clear biological advantages over cis women in elite sports. But this bill isn't about elite athletes, it is about children. It is about taking away parent rights to make choices and advocate for their children to participate in sports, for children as young as 5. Right to privacy is a huge concern in this bill, legislative legal states that sex, and gender identity, is protected by state and federal laws. Saying birth certificates aren't intrusive is false- if a first grader was playing basketball on the 'girl's team, now has to show their birth certificate, and is only allowed to play on the boys team- you have outed that trans girl to her

classmates and their parents which may result in bullying and violence. Rep. Alldredge spoke of sports physicals, once again addressing high levels of competition, not middle school and elementary age children.

Trans people do not dominate sports, cis people do. Trans people don't ruin sports, TRANSPHOBIA does. Trans kids are kids, and all kids deserve to play. Here are some stats regarding suicide rates of LGBTQ children, specifically non-binary and trans youth. I urge you to read them, as support from an adult, even someone at school, literally saves thousands of children's lives each year. Think what taking away a safe space will do to our children. The link to the page is also listed with sources. Please stand up for children who don't deserve this kind of hate.

Trevor Project: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/resources/article/facts-about-lgbtq-youth-suicide/>

- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people aged 10 to 14, and the third leading cause of death among 15-24 year olds (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2022). Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) young people are at significantly increased risk.
- LGBTQ+ young people are more than four times as likely to attempt suicide than their peers (Johns et al., 2019; Johns et al., 2020).
- The Trevor Project estimates that more than [1.8 million](#) LGBTQ+ young people (ages 13-24) seriously consider suicide each year in the U.S. — and at least one attempts suicide [every 45 seconds](#).
- The Trevor Project's [2023 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ Young People](#) found that 41% of LGBTQ+ young people seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including roughly half of transgender and nonbinary youth. A [2020 peer-reviewed study](#) by The Trevor Project's researchers, published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, found that transgender and nonbinary youth were 2 to 2.5 times as likely to experience depressive symptoms, seriously consider suicide, and attempt suicide compared to their cisgender LGBTQ peers.
  - Many LGBTQ+ young people lack access to affirming spaces, with only 38% of LGBTQ+ youth reporting that their home is LGBTQ+-affirming and just over half saying that their school is LGBTQ+-affirming. Just over 1 in 3 transgender and nonbinary youth found their home to be gender-affirming, and 52% found their school to be affirming. The Trevor Project's research consistently [finds](#) that

LGBTQ+ young people report lower rates of attempting suicide when they have access to LGBTQ+-affirming spaces.

- [24% of LGBTQ+ young people](#) reported that they have been physically threatened or harmed, and those who did attempted suicide at nearly triple the rate of those who did not in the past year.
- [60% of LGBTQ+ young people](#) report that they had experienced discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity at least once in their lifetime, and those who did attempted suicide at more than twice the rate of those who did not in the past year.
  - The Trevor Project's [research](#) has found that LGBTQ+ young people who found their school and home to be LGBTQ+-affirming reported lower rates of attempting suicide.
  - LGBTQ+ young people who report the presence of trusted adults in their school have higher levels of self-esteem (Dessel et al., 2017) and access to supportive peers is protective against anxiety and depression, including among those who lack support from their family (Parra et al., 2018).
  - Schools also offer young people the ability to participate in extracurricular activities and clubs, which have been found to promote positive youth development (Eccles et al., 2003). The presence of Gender and Sexualities Alliances (GSAs) has been found to significantly reduce the risk for depression and increase well-being among LGBTQ+ young people and young adults (Toomey et al., 2011)
  - Transgender and nonbinary young people [attempt suicide less](#) when their pronouns are respected, when they are allowed to officially change the gender marker on their legal documents, and when they have access to spaces (online, at school, and home) that affirm their gender identity.

Thanks for your time, Lena Merrell, Juneau Alaska

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Ann Szanto [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:23 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

I humbly ask for you to please vote yes on HB 183.

Thank you for your time.

Ann Szanto



## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Andy Seppi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 9:57 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Stop the madness!

Vote YES on HB183!

Sincerely,  
Andrew J Seppi

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Tony Blomfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:54 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Vote Yes

Vote Yes to n HB183!  
Sent from my iPhone

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 2:14 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

To whom it may concern

I would like to encourage to vote YES on HB 183.

Keep boys out of girls sports.

Girls/Womens sports should be protected.

Thank you

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## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Sandy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:55 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on HB183

This needs to be done to end all the back and forth on doing what is right for God made females which endows them with less testosterone, muscle strength, etc. etc. that true males have . WOMEN'S sports. Not pretend women's sports. Thanks!

Sandy May/Wasilla  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** k fischer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:14 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** vote YES on HB183

Please help our daughters and granddaughters be able to compete in safe and fare conditions by voting yes on HB 183. Generations of women fought to give us this opportunity. Don't let that become a tragic waste.

Kimberly Fischer  
Main Event Grill & Catering  
[REDACTED]

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Alison Tredway Main Event <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:20 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Ban

Please continue to keep men out of women's sports. Even though they go through a procedure, they still have male genetic make up. It is unfair to women who have fought so long and hard for equality and recognition for our accomplishments.

Thank you,

Alison Bayer

Sent from my iPhone

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Bridget Piscoya <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:35 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

I urge you to save women's/girls' sports! Stand up and defend their right to compete only against their own biological kind. Our girls have enough to worry about without being afraid a biological male will be competing against them, taking away their titles and scholarship opportunities or changing in front of them and watching them change in the locker room. Enough is enough! Our girls matter!

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Jenny Cambron [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:01 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB183

Dear Members of the Education Committee,

I am writing to strongly encourage you pass HB183 to **protect girls' high school sports in Alaska**. As an Alaskan mom of a **sports**-playing daughter, a former high school **athlete** and coach, I know **sports** have an incredibly positive impact on kids, and there should be the opportunity for fair, safe competition for all. Unfortunately, I and many other Alaskans are concerned that the opportunities for girls to compete in FAIR and SAFE **sports** are in danger due to a small, but very loud minority of activists who deny biological reality and seek to impose their truly anti-scientific, emotionally-charged views on the rest of our society.

**Sports** opportunities for women and girls were few and far between until Title IX was passed in 1972, which revolutionized girls'/women's **sports** and gave females opportunities they could only dream of. Unfortunately in the times we now live in, women's **sports** are under attack in this country, up to the point at which women's **sports** could soon become an absurd farce. It's clear to most common sense Alaskans that the emperor is wearing no clothes, and policies to ONLY include biological females in girls' **sports** NEED to be enacted now, before further harm is done.

**Why even have women's/girls' sports? The fundamental rationale behind women's sports is due to inherent, unchangeable differences in biological sexes. The science is clear and undisputed. Biological males have distinct physical advantages over biological females, which are NOT erased by hormone therapy.** According to Alison Heather, physiologist at the University of Otago in New Zealand, "Transgender women's performances generally decline as their testosterone does. But not every male advantage dissipates when testosterone drops. Some advantages, such as their **bigger bone structure, greater lung capacity, and larger heart size remain.**" A study published by the British Journal of **Sports** Medicine recently reported that "transwomen" taking gender affirming hormones continue to have a proven **athletic** advantage over their female counterparts (for example, the study cites a 9% faster mean run speed). <https://bjsm.bmj.com/content/55/1/577.full>. Also please see the following informative article by an exercise physiologist:

<https://www.sportpolicycenter.com/news/2023/4/17/should-transwomen-be-allowed-to-compete-in-womens-sports>

**Biological males are taking honors and scholarships that rightfully belong to biological females.** So-called "transgender women" often dominate in high school, college and professional **sports**, and this is egregious to the women who work so hard to compete and fall short due to a biological male entering the race. For example, two biological males in Connecticut now hold 15 different **state** championship titles that were once held by nine different girls across the **state**. Numerous other examples could be cited here.

Additionally, **there is an increased risk of injury in contact sports.** One example of this is a North Carolina high-school volleyball **athlete** who suffered a severe injury after a transgender player spiked a ball at her head at an "abnormally fast" speed (70 mph):

<https://news.yahoo.com/female-high-school-volleyball-athlete-191021646.html>

**Women and girls have a right to feel safe in their spaces.** Allowing biological males in locker rooms is not protecting them. I could cite examples of not just indecent exposure to young females, but also rape. This is not right and we need to act to protect our women and girls.

People with gender dysphoria need mental help and support. However, no matter how they want to present themselves to the general public, this does not give biological males the right to intrude into a space that was hard-earned over decades. It is not society's duty or responsibility to affirm gender confused kids by discriminating against other kids. Transgender people still have the opportunity to participate in co-ed **sports** or the sport of their biological gender.

Please make your decision based on facts, reason and logic. Biological males should not be competing in biological female **sports**. If you choose to not act to protect girls' high school **sports** in Alaska, you will be affirming the anti-scientific farce that is destroying womens' **sports** and discriminating against women across the world. The majority of Alaskans do not want biological males dominating and taking the spots of girls on **sports** teams, or males in girls' locker rooms, or males with stronger bodies injuring girls in contact **sports**.



I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Cambron  
Resident of Palmer

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Berni Troglio [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:50 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Yes on HB183

Yes on HB183  
Sent from my iPhone

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Mike Garvey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:34 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 183

Good afternoon,

I am writing today as an Alaskan living in District 11, in opposition to HB 183. It is incredibly disheartening to see this legislation even introduced, much less get scheduled for a hearing. The recent introductory hearing on the bill really drove home for me that a policy like this is more about targeting transgender children and denying they exist than about protecting girls and women's sports. I heard a lot of misgendering during the hearing from some participants and testifiers, and an unverified allegation that a possibly transgender adult in a locker room at a private gym is an example of a "problem" this bill would address. None of that upholds the baseline dignity that transgender people and transgender girls in particular deserve.

I urge the committee to remember that this bill is about adolescents who are trying to find their way in the world. When this and similar policies about bathroom access, and school curricula, and library books are merely put forward, queer and transgender children see their very lives and ability to see themselves in ordinary places get put up for debate. And I think, especially after the state Dept of Education adopted a regulation substantially similar to HB 183, a bill like this is needlessly cruel.

Thank you for considering my views and I urge the committee not to give the bill any more air time or advance it.

Sincerely,

Mike Garvey

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Mindi Shoemake [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:26 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

As a woman, wife, mother to a son and daughter, a daughter, and female athlete, I'm asking you to vote in favor of HB 183. Sincerely, Mindi Shoemake

Sent from my iPhone

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Holly Thibault [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:13 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Vote Yes on HB 183

Dear Alaska Lawmakers,

Please advance bill aimed at protecting girls' sports.

Please vote YES on HB 183 to protect Alaska girls from having to compete against boys in sports.

Thank you!

Holly Thibault, Registered Voter in  
Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** roe misa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:58 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** No trans in bio sports

proclaiming to be a female doesn't give you the right to be able to compete against women and eliminate their hopes and dreams and hard work. I vote YES on HB183 to keep boys out of girls sports. It's not fair fir trans to take over biosex sports, space & rights.

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Vicky Petèrs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:56 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Protect Women's Sports

Please make sure the right of women to compete on a level playing field in all sports is protected. Biology does matter and our female athletes deserve the chance to compete fairly.

Vicky Peters

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** Terri Lawson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 10:33 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Vote YES!!

Vote YES on HB 183 to protect our Alaska girls from having to compete against boys in sports.

Sent from my iPhone



## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Michael Larsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 9:01 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

A YES vote on this bill is the only logical way to keep by sports fair.

Michael Larsen

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Tricia Koerner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 7:05 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Bill to protect girls sports.

Dear House Education committee,

Please pass the bill that will protect our girls sports programs from LGBTQ boys who want to play in girls sports teams. I have a teenage granddaughter who attends public high school in the Fairbanks North Star Borough school district. She doesn't need to play sports with someone saying they are a girl when they are a biological male who has naturally stronger muscles therefore unfair competition for a girl.

If you think this is an "anti-LGBTQ" bill, two of the greatest athletes of all time, [Martina Navratilova](#), an openly lesbian tennis legend and gay rights activist as well as [Caitlyn Jenner](#), formerly Bruce Jenner, an Olympic gold medalist in the Decathlon, have both come out in full support of common sense legislation like HB183.

Patricia Koerner  
North Pole, Alaska  
Sent from my iPhone

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** LnDBaxter [mailto:LnDBaxter@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 5:22 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Please vote YES on HB 183 to protect Alaska girls from having to compete against boys in sports.

Please ensures women's athletics programs in public schools are actually reserved for women, not biological men.

Give our biological daughters a level playing field to demonstrate their physical abilities and compete for scholarships on a level footing with other biological girls.

Thank you.  
D Baxter  
Anchorage AK

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## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Stephanie Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 4:51 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB183

Honorable Representatives,  
Please support HB 183 and vote "yes". This should not be a political issue; it's common sense! Please protect girls from competing against boys! Thank you.

Stephanie Taylor  
Anchorage, AK

**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** Diane Sanderlin [REDACTED] n>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 4:48 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB183

Please support women's sports in Alaska  
Diane Sanderlin

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**From:** Mazzolini <n[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 4:16 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Please know passing HB 183 is necessary to protect womens sports from infiltration of biological males whom choose to identify as female .

Title IX ensured women would have equal access to school sports. Women fought hard to ensure equal access to sport opportunity based on their biological gender. Do not allow that right to be taken away.

HB 183 will codify into state law allowing only biological women to compete in women's sports. Without passing HB 183 women's sports will not be protected and current parameters could be overturned by different players on the board. Protect our biological women's rights and pass HB 183.

Thank you

Kim and Paul Mazzolini

Sent from Kim's iPhone

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**From:** Theodore Novotney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 3:36 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Vote

Please vote Yes on HB 183  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Crystal Hoffman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 3:09 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on HB183

Women have worked so long to have equal footing in a man's world. To make girls compete against biological males will create an unfair disadvantage and the equality we have fought for in the sports arena will be taken away.

Please vote yes on HB 183!!

Crystal Hoffman

Sent from my iPhone



**Eugene Harnett**

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**From:** Donna Meeks <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 3:08 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Yes to HB183

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Penny Seliger [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:57 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Vote YES!

On HB183.  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Phyllis Severson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:45 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Sports

Please Vote YES on HB183 to protect girls from having to compete against boys.  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jerry Beale [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:37 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB183

VOTE YES ON HB 183!  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Pam Beale [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:36 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Sent from my iPhone  
Vote yes on HB183

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**From:** Margie Smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:34 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB183

Please vote YES on this bill to protect girls from having to compete against boys in sports.  
Thank you.  
Sent from my iPad

## Eugene Harnett

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**From:** Tina Schnell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:29 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 183

Please please, please vote yes, on HB 183! 🙏  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Scott Merriner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:27 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on HB183

Dear House Education Committee member,

I am writing to urge you to vote YES on HB183. It is vitally important we ensure biological woman are not required to compete against biological men identifying as women. It is patently unfair. In some cases, it can be unsafe.

Sincerely,  
Scott Merriner



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**From:** Jackie Jewell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:16 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB183

Vote yes on HB183 to protect girls sports

Jackie Jewell  
Anchorage AK 99504

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**From:** Cynthia Jewell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:15 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB183

Vote YES to protect our girls in sports.  
Cynthia Jewell  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 1:48 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE HB 183. Let all kids play!

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 183.

HB 183 is a discriminatory bill that would violate students' privacy rights and deny trans students the opportunity to fully participate in their school community. All students deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. To protect students' privacy and push back against discrimination, please oppose this bill and let trans students be part of the team.

Sincerely,  
Jason Land  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Spencer Moore [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 12:33 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB183

Members of the House Education Committee,

I urge you to vote YES, to support girls sports. My daughters should not have to compete against boys as they get older and play organized sports. This is common sense. Thanks for serving our state.

Spencer Moore  
Resident of Anchorage  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]