

Eugene Harnett

From: Marty Kincaid [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 3:25 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Protect Girls Sports

Dear Legislators,

As I have written in previous years, please protect girls sports from males. Unless there has been a change at the chromosome level, there are only two sexes. The rest is based on feelings not facts. Men and women were designed to be different. There are so many reasons to keep the sports separated by sex, particularly the safety factor in competition, locker rooms, scholarships and long term emotional trauma. Factor in the loss of revenue at all levels when parents have had enough and pull their daughters from sports and eventually the schools that keep promoting such lies. I understand the voice that is promoting such nonsense is very loud but that doesn't make it truth. Look at the opinion change internationally and nationally; the tide is changing. If Megan Kelly can say she was wrong in regards to the transgender movement, it's time to examine truth and not emotionally charged rhetoric. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration!

Marty Kincaid
Palmer, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: Linette weinzirl [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 1:18 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB183

I'm supporting biological girls/women only in female sports.
Respectfully, Linette Cook

Eugene Harnett

From: Jennifer Frazier [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 12:57 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB183

Biological girls need you to protect them. They need to keep the opportunities Title 9 was meant to afford them. They need to feel their efforts in sports are not wasted, that their bodies aren't a costume, that they are safe in their locker rooms. PASS THIS BILL!! PROTECT ALASKAN GIRLS!!

Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: Jerri Young [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 12:52 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

Vote yes on this bill. Women have fought for many years to find their place in the world of sports and athletics. If we continue down this road of denying them fair and equitable competition, women's sports as we know them, will be obsolete.

The male body, no matter how it is altered, will always be stronger than the female body.

Please do not be a part of history that throws away the hopes and dreams of young, biological females, in America.

Thank you, Jerri Young

Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: Susan A [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 12:47 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

I strongly oppose HB 183.

The bill is discriminatory and violates constitutional rights to privacy and equal rights.

There is absolutely nothing discussing the safety measures for transgender males, highlighting the extreme discriminatory nature of this bill.

These are children you are dehumanizing with this action. I just want to remind you the transgender population is 1-3% global. This is a highly politicize and weaponized attempt at dehumanizing and demoralizing children. No one is teaching children how to become or be who they are, they just who they become.

Usually in any sports team or individual sport, the coach has tryouts. The coach assesses the ability of the student. The coach can then place the student in the appropriate level while communicating with the parents and the athletes.

I suggest reading the Olympics standards or another standardized organization for guidelines. This is a simple problem that that be rectified by the school districts, coaches, parents, and players. Put the athlete in the category where they compete amongst peers. This should not take government intervention.

Again, I feel like it a waste of time and money that will cause us more lawsuits. The state will just have to correct this legislation later. Please your action truly do matter.

I strongly oppose HB 183

Susan Allmeroth
Two Rivers

Eugene Harnett

From: Gail Rutz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 12:22 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 813, House Education Committee

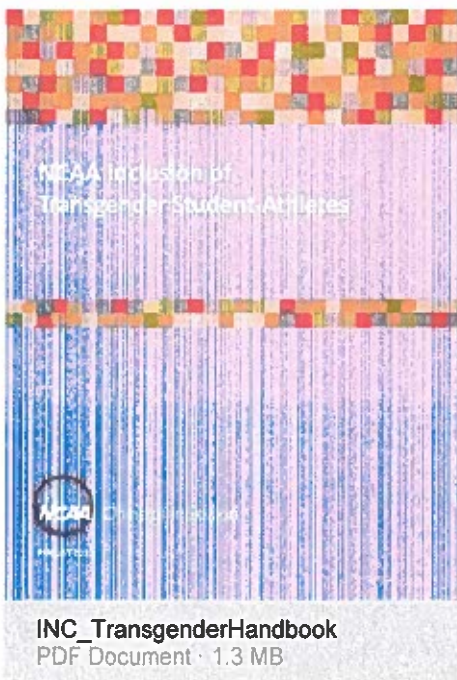
Dear Alaska Representatives,

I know that HB 813, Girls in Sports, has several areas you will be considering.

The NCAA for college sports has had to deal with this subject as well. When looking at high school sports that will have individuals recruited by colleges, you may want to see if their plan helps you.

Thank you.

Gail Rutz
Eagle River, Alaska



Eugene Harnett

From: Randy Greer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:59 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Boys are not Girls

Boys shouldn't be allowed to play girls sports! It doesn't matter what you say you are. If you were born a boy you can't play girls sports or use their locker room. Thank you Randy Greer

Eugene Harnett

From: Renee Bridges [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:58 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB183

We need to protect the girl in sports. Any transgender that wants to play a sport should have their own teams. I understand them feeling like they're not boys or men, but they are also not built like girls. So no matter what their heart or mind tells them that they are their body is saying something different and it's not fair to biological girls to have to play against biological boys, that identify as girls. It is our responsibility to protect both sets of children by having separate teams. We cannot take one persons right away to provide for anothers. The only fair and right solution is separate teams.

Thank you.

Kim Bridges

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Eugene Harnett

From: Alan & Joan Hoza [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:39 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Support HB 183

Dear members of the House Education Committee:

I totally support HB 183 to keep female sports for females.

As an athlete that qualified for and competed in Alaska State competition in XC Running, XC Skiing and Track, I would have been devastated to be beaten by a biologically-born male.

It is quite clear that male hormones as early as 8-9 years old confer benefits in bone and lungs that make competition against biologically-born females completely unfair in future years.

Women fought for equality in sports support and competition, do not let that be taken away now.

Thank you,

Joan Hoza

Eugene Harnett

From: Heidi Jolin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:21 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB183

Just writing into voice my support for HB 183. I have three girls, all of which play sports and the idea that they would have to compete against a biological male after we have fought to have an equal playing field and opportunity for the small amount of scholarships available for women's sports is just crazy. Please pass this bill.

Heidi Jolin
[REDACTED]

Eagle River, Alaska
Sent from my iPhone

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Eugene Harnett

From: erika green <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:18 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposition to HB 183

Good morning,

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB 183, a bill to ban trans girls from participating in sports. Please stop making kids out to be villains. Please let them be who they are and be part of a team. They need it as much as any kids. And, by the way, as far as I know, there has not been a specific issue that has that would make the legislature even consider this ban.

It's also virtually impossible to enforce this kind of ban and could lead to kids trying to out trans kids and 'accuse' cisgender kids of being trans. It's so hateful. Why not tackle any issues as they arise and consider every situation on a case-by-case basis?

Regards,
Erika Green
Anchorage, Ak

Eugene Harnett

From: Dave Peck <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:18 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

Thank you for passing HB 183 out of Committee today Dave Peck Kenai Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: Suzanne DeCino [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:15 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

I support HB 183
Biological girls/women only allowed in females, sports and spaces.

Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: Elizabeth Samuel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:07 AM
To: House Education
Subject: School sports participation limited to sex at birth

For those sports which have been traditionally segregated by sex in the interest of safety and fairness, I strongly urge you to continue on with that criteria for student sports.

Elizabeth Samuel

Eugene Harnett

From: Susan Novak <[REDACTED]m>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:01 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

We are in support of protecting girl athletes from having to compete with biological males. We are concerned for their safety and the fairness in competition. The physical differences between males and females are a no-brainer. We must protect our girls and young women against the attempts of radical groups that want to change our behaviors and even science.

We are long time Alaskans and voters and paying close attention to this issue.

Thank you,
Susan and Henry Novak

Eugene Harnett

From: Desi Terry [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:56 AM
To: House Education
Cc: Desiree Terry
Subject: HB 183 - Please vote to protect Girls in Sports in Alaska.

I am not sure what has happened to our state and our country, Where girls must compete against boys claiming to be girls, ludicrous.

Please vote to protect Girls in Sports in Alaska.

Desiree Terry

Eugene Harnett

From: Glenn Peterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:49 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

As a 50 year resident of Alaska and a father and grandfather of girls in sports; I strongly support HB 183.
I will follow closely how the vote goes and support those that support 183.
Glenn Peterson

Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: Jim Hagee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:44 AM
To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 183

Biological males competing against biological females in women's sports?? I adamantly oppose males competing against women, therefore I strongly SUPPORT HB183!!!!

Dr. James H Hagee, ret.



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Eugene Harnett

From: Libby Dalton [REDACTED]@com>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:37 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

I strongly support HB 183. Girls' sports in Alaska should be protected.

It's simple, only girls born biologically girls should compete in girls sports, It's the only way to maintain fairness in athletic events.

Transgender students should compete in another category created for mixed genders, students who have transitioned into girls that were born male.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Slane
HD 35 - Fairbanks

Eugene Harnett

From: James Mcilmail [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:31 AM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Thomas McKay; House Education; Rep. Cathy Tilton
Subject: HB 183

Respectfully,

I would appreciate if you at least watch and reflect on this short video of the hearing in the US House of Representatives on a similar proposal.



I believe Eric Swalwell in a one minute video expresses why this is a bad idea.

During the call in session, I was so frustrated that my first real public statements about a political issue in in Alaska is on this topic! It really is "not a thing" Needless to say retired military, I was afraid I was losing my tact and composure due to the frustration of politicians exaggerating or creating issues out of ignorance, or worse yet for political gain. That is why I decided to draft this email to send. I do not wish to offend. However, 2 minutes on an Internet search gave me some eye-opening numbers. We have roughly 300,000 trans youth in the United States. Current census data list the overall population of the United States as 383 million. Out of those 300,000 a majority over 50% are trans male. So if you generously assign half as trans female we're looking at 150,000 kids nationally! According to the 2019, US census bureau Alaska is .02% of the US population in total. According to the 2019 Alaska population estimates we have steadily maintained approximately 200,000 young people between the ages of zero and 19 since 2010. Do you see where I am going with this. I don't even need a calculator to know that the number of trans girls wanting to play sports in Alaska is statistically insignificant. I could probably spend another 10-20 minutes on the Internet, but I doubt that I would come up with a number greater than a few dozen transgender kids that want to play sports. Please tell me that you are not spending all this money, time and effort on this non-issue, when there are very serious issues; real child abuse, hunger and poverty, educational funding, etc in Alaska. I can go on, but I want to keep this short. There is NO issue! Please stop wasting taxpayer time, money, and effort on this, please vote against HB 183.

Sincerely,

James Mcilmail

Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: audri peyton [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:11 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

Sent from my iPhone Hello, my name is Audri Jirak. I am a resident in the Mat-Su Borough with children in the MSBSD. I am writing to show my support of HB 183 to protect female sports in our state. I strongly encourage you to pass this bill. Thank you for your time. Audri Jirak

Eugene Harnett

From: audri peyton [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:10 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

Hello, my name is Audri Jirak. I am a resident in the Mat-Su Borough with children in the MSBSD. I am writing to show my support of HB 183 to protect female sports in our state.

I strongly encourage you to pass this bill. Thank you for your time. Audri Jirak Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: Charlene Rodda [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:49 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

I support HB183!!!! Please support this bill. Thank you!
Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Anna Wen
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:47 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.

It is important to support students and their abilities to thrive. They need a supportive community to see the potential they have in the sport.

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. Trans students know who they are and it's disappointing to see adults who aren't supporting youth due to misconceptions, transphobia, and religious views. It's heartbreaking to hear that another trans youth has been murdered. This needs to STOP. This starts with passing policy to support and open opportunities for positive impact on trans community- NOT hurt them like HB 183. You know what to do. Please oppose HB 183 for the future of Alaska's students. They need your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Anna Wen

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Eugene Harnett

From: Lee Keel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:44 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Protecting females from males in female sports

HB 183 is a no brainer. Got gave to women estrogen and men testosterone for a reason. Why do females rather listen to their favorite music than go watch ultimate fighting. Men do not belong in female sports and the males that want to compete in female sports simply do not belong there. Our women need the male protection. Women do not protect men. A real man opens doors for women, real men love and protect their mothers. What kind of society have we become that we even entertain the thoughts to invade the space of women's sports if they want to compete amongst each other. Mind boggling that the left has been able to push this so far. Maybe any politicians that would vote no on HB 183 need to have their heads examined and certainly have no respect for females.

Vote YES on HB 183

Eugene Harnett

From: Cina Lopez [REDACTED] et>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:29 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Protect Biological Born Girls Sports

Hello Representative House of Education, I would like to state that we don't need to go backwards in girls sports. There was a reason to separate them from boy sports at the beginning.

If you have a student athlete that desires to participate in a sport opposite of their birth gender because they identify as the other gender then another category could be created, trans-athletes. Just like it is unfair for special needs athletes to participate in a regular offered sport, the same should be definitely be considered here. If not maybe we should eliminate Special Olympics. Or let non disable athletes compete against those with special needs just because they feel like a disable athlete today. Please really consider what your about to vote on.

Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: melissa wilkins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:28 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

Dear members of the committee,

My name is Melissa Wilkins and I am a lifelong Alaska who lives in Palmer. I just want to thank you for your service to our great state of Alaska. I wasn't able to call in this morning but I was able to listen to the comments made by other Alaskans. There is a lot of fear mongering spoken around this topic and I found it comical that the same people claiming this bill isn't scientific are saying "trans girls ARE girls!" No, no they are not. No matter how many times you tell yourself that, it doesn't make it true. And I feel that it's more harmful to a child to lie to them, then it is to help them through their struggles mentally. Studies show that a high percentage of children out grow gender dysphoria and there a numerous people who've come out sharing the regret they have in changing their bodies in irreversible ways. If we allow young children believe the lie that they can change bodies and participate at a young age in the opposite sport of their gender, what will happen as they get older and can't participate in those sports anymore? I heard testimony from one woman saying she supports division at the high school level but not middle/elementary. What if a boy plays with the girls for 8 years and then all of a sudden have to switch at the high school? That seems more harmful then being honest with children from the get go.

I support HB 183 and again I thank you for your service.

Eugene Harnett

From: Jane Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:13 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB183

I support HB183! Biological girls/women only in female sports & spaces!

Jane E. Johnson
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: Joni [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:03 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Women in women's sports

I want women in women's sports. This is not okay making women compete with men, hormones or not, their strength and bodies are different!
Stop this nonsense,
Joni Burley

Eugene Harnett

From: Tina Jennings <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 8:59 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Biological girls

Committee members,

I support HB183
Biological girls/women only In female sports and spaces.
Thanks
Tina Jennings

Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 8:42 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Protect Women's Sports

Please protect women's sports!!!!!!!!!!!!

As a medical doctor I can assure there is a DIFFERENCE between transgender males/females and biological females!!!!
Look at recent sports events where they break records; they should not be allowed to compete with females robbing them of their hard earned work and efforts /discipline to achieve their goals

Make a separate category for transgender folks and let them compete among themselves;It is shameful they have to stoop so low so they can feel good about themselves!!!!!!!! Not fair to women who put the effort in and do the work.

Sandra Denton MD [REDACTED]
Alaska Alternative Medicine Clinic

I was an emergency room physician for 13 years prior to. My 43 years experience in general Practice.

Eugene Harnett

From: gregvanthiel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 8:16 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Vote yes on HB183

It is imperative that Alaska moves to permanently protect true female athletes from being forced to compete with transgendered athletes. Vote "Yes" on HB183.
Thank you.

Gregory Van Thiel
Wasilla, Alaska

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

Eugene Harnett

From: Deborah Stallman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 8:14 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB183

Dear House Education Committee Members

I am writing you on behalf of myself and my husband to encourage you to vote "Yes" on bill 183 in support of protecting women's/girl's sports in Alaska. My husband and I are both physicians and understand and respect the difference between male and female bodies. I was manager of a coed children's soccer teams for 10 years (grades 3-8) in which it was required to have 2 girls on the field at all times. We had some very talented girls but they could not compare in their ability to compete as some of even the youngest boy teammates. In supporting this bill you will be protecting girls' sports. Thank you for your time. Sincerely Deborah & Dwight Stallman DO

Eugene Harnett

From: Meg Rutz [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 8:13 AM
To: House Education
Subject: I support HB183!

I support HB183! I have a daughter, I have a wife. They better not have to compete against a male, and there better not be a biological male in their locker room.

Have some common sense, people. Good grief!

Dave Rutz

Eugene Harnett

From: Sam Longacre [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 8:07 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Oppose HB 183

Let all kids play. Transgender kids should be treated with dignity and respect, and be given the opportunity to play in school [REDACTED] on teams that match their [REDACTED] identity.

K-12 [REDACTED] are an incredibly valuable opportunity for all kids to learn life skills of hard work, dedication, teamwork, and communication. Instead of promoting these core values of K-12 [REDACTED], the proposed restrictions will make transgender students feel unwelcome from participating, taking away this valuable opportunity to learn and grow through school [REDACTED].

Policy enforcement would infringe on the privacy of all students, as their eligibility to participate would be subject to questioning, taking away the dignity and respect each child deserves as they learn to play, compete, and work together as a team.

I benefited greatly from participating in school [REDACTED] in Alaska, learning to push myself, enjoy the challenge of competition, and build friendships through shared goals. As an adult I have continued to benefit from the early introduction of [REDACTED], knowing I can find community both through groups training for competition and just getting out and being physically active. [REDACTED] continue to be a positive way to challenge myself, and a familiar source of stress relief when life gets tough.

I want every child in Alaska to have the opportunity to benefit from school [REDACTED], and to participate in school [REDACTED] in a way that matches their [REDACTED] identity, encourages their participation, and fosters a positive source of community and well-being to take into adulthood.

I urge you to oppose HB 183, and focus on supporting all students to thrive in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Samantha Longacre
Anchorage, AK

Eugene Harnett

From: Sara Penisten [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 8:04 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB183 Support

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to communicate my WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF HB 183!

The State of Alaska MUST protect girls sports and the young women who participate in them.

I am a former high school athlete and graduate of the Anchorage School District, as are my sisters and daughters.

It is my expectation that each of you, our elected representatives, vote to APPROVE HB 183.

~Sara Penisten Turcic, RN
Chugiak, Alaska

Eugene Harnett

From: Meg Rutz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 8:01 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Support for HB183!

Dear AK Legislators,

I support HB183 to protect Alaska's girls & women! Biological men have no business in our sports, in our locker rooms, in our showers, or ANY private areas for women! That's the whole point of having separate categories/divisions & facilities! I can't believe this even has to be debated at this point. Or that it's considered "brave" to oppose males in females locker rooms! Science & biology are VERY clear. Everything else is political. Everything else is "feelings". Your job is to deal with facts.

I urge you to protect our daughters and all females - including the ones in your own families!

Sincerely,
Mary Rutz

Eugene Harnett

From: Cathy Duxbury [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 7:59 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Women's Sports - Ban Men from Women's Sports

I oppose Men in Women's Sports. Girls and Women have rights too. This is just crazy. My 43 year old son could decide he is a girl and compete and literally beat every woman. Look at the injuries happening to girls all over the country. That swimmer is no more a female than I am a man. He could not make it as a man so he claims he is a female and wins it all. You should be ashamed of yourselves for even considering this. Make a trans category and let them go at it. WOMEN HAVE RIGHTS!!!! Most of the country believe this is unfair and it is. Alaska is one of the few places with common sense left – don't blow it.

Cathy Duxbury
Anchorage

Eugene Harnett

From: Tony LoMedico <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 7:59 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Yes on HB 183

Committee,

My wife and I are a yes for HB 183. An argument has been made that if this bill passes, the self-esteem of trans genders would be hurt. Transgenders make up an extremely small percentage of the population, while close to 50% of the population is female. The bill if passed would protect the self-esteem of those millions of biological women.

The solution: pass the bill but encourage an "open" category in sports. This category would allow everyone and anyone to compete in it. No one is discriminated against with such a category and whomever competes, *chose* to compete in it.

Thank you,
Tony LoMedico and Karen Hill
Anchorage

Eugene Harnett

From: Stephanie Taylor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 7:46 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 183

Honorable Representatives,

It's troubling that this is even an issue being debated, but here we are in our culture. Biological males have no business competing against biological girls in sports. This is a no brainer! Please vote to support HB183 and protect young Alaskan women. Thank you.

Stephanie Taylor
East Anchorage resident

Eugene Harnett

From: Stephanie Sampson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 7:45 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Support for HB 183

I am writing as an Alaska resident in support of HB 183 which protects women's sports. Science shows men are built differently than women. Men's presence in sports takes away from women's opportunities, something that was fought hard for in the past. Please protect women's rights and pass this bill.

Stephanie Sampson
Anchorage, AK
Sent from my iPhone

Eugene Harnett

From: Dawn Maness [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 7:32 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Vote no on men and women's sports

To whom it may concern,

I absolutely disagree with allowing men who wear woman's face to compete against real women in any sporting event. I played softball in high school. The team building and leadership skills I learned on the field impacted my entire life.

Stealing the victories and the scholarships of women by these mentally ill confused men is disgusting.

Do the right thing. No men in women's sports.

Dawn Maness registered nurse

Seward, Alaska

Sent from my iPad

Eugene Harnett

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary Szatkowski
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 7:24 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,
Mary Szatkowski

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Eugene Harnett

From: CJ Koan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 7:24 AM
To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 183

March 25, 2024

Dear Members of the Alaska State House Education Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for House Bill No. 183, titled "An Act relating to school athletics, recreation, athletic teams, and sports." This bill represents a critical step forward in ensuring fairness, equality, and opportunities for female athletes across our state's school athletic programs.

House Bill No. 183 addresses the fundamental importance of maintaining fairness in athletic opportunities for women by acknowledging the significant biological and physiological differences between males and females. By requiring the designation of separate sex-specific athletic teams or sports, this legislation aims to create a level playing field where female athletes can compete with the recognition and opportunities they rightfully deserve.

It is crucial to preserve opportunities for female athletes to demonstrate their strength, skills, and athletic abilities in environments that are equitable and supportive. By designating separate teams or sports based on biological sex, we can ensure that female athletes have the chance to excel, pursue scholarships, and receive the recognition they have earned through their dedication and hard work.

Furthermore, House Bill No. 183 provides essential protections against discrimination and adverse actions for schools and school districts that comply with its provisions. By establishing avenues for redress for students who may be deprived of opportunities or subjected to harm due to violations of these provisions, this bill reinforces the commitment to fairness and inclusion in school athletics.

In conclusion, I urge you to stand in support of House Bill No. 183 to uphold the principles of fairness, equality, and opportunity for all student athletes in Alaska. By passing this bill, we can empower our female athletes, protect against discrimination, and ensure that our school athletic programs remain a place where every individual has the chance to thrive and succeed.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and for your dedication to serving the best interests of our state and its students.

Sincerely,

C.J. Koan
Wasilla, AK