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Dear Representatives,

The U.S. chapter of Women's Declaration International supports the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023. Women's Declaration International (WDI) is a global, nonpartisan group of volunteer radical feminist women dedicated to protecting women's sex-based rights. [WDI USA](#) is its U.S. chapter. WDI is based on the [Declaration on Women's Sex-Based Rights](#), which has 35,000 signatures globally.

WDI USA supports this bill on the basis of Article 7 of the Declaration, "Reaffirming women's rights to the same opportunities as men to participate actively in sports and physical education," which is consistent with Article 10 (g) of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), as well as with the Title IX Education Amendments of 1972.

In recent years, there has been an incursion of men and boys into women's and girls' athletic competitions on the basis of so-called "gender identity," a linguistic mechanism by which men and boys claim the identity of women and girls. This claim has no basis in observable material reality.

The provision of single-sex sports is necessary if women and girls are to have opportunities that are on a par with those of men and boys.

If single-sex sports continue to be eroded, more and more women and girls will lose their spots on teams and podiums to males. This is in direct opposition to the intended purpose of Title IX (i.e., providing equal access to sports participation for women and girls), as well as common sense and the principles of fairness in athletic competitions. It is fairness – a level playing field – that must prevail over arguments about the inclusion of males as females, if women's and girls' sports are to exist as legitimate competitions. The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023 defines sex as based solely on a person's immutable reproductive biology and genetics and would thereby give federal protection to women's sports in the United States under title IX.

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