

My name is Connie Hahn. I live in York County just on the border of Adams County. I have been a Democrat my entire life. I served as an elected precinct committeewoman and a regional director for the party. I am so concerned about the party's embrace of "gender identity" and lack of support for American women, that I left the party on July 4th of this year. We have to do better when it comes to supporting sex-based rights for girls. Claiming to hold women in high regard, our party places women in high positions of power, but the legislation doesn't seem to show the same degree of support. This is the year that Title IX has been stripped of its sex-based protections for women and girls in sports. Now any male student can claim his "gender identity" and join a girl's team or participate in women's sports. This is being sold as "inclusive" when it really is just not fair.

When the precursor to Title IX was brought before the Senate in 1971 by Birch Bayh, it was quickly overruled. A champion for women's sex-based rights, he didn't give up. With the help of Congresswoman Edith Green, the two strategically found a way. President Nixon signed Title IX into law in 1972 enabling women to study and play sports on EQUAL footing with their male peers. Senator Bayh risked much to fight for women's sex-based rights. To obtain women's equality in 2021, we will need brave men to stand with women on this issue and not men who cave to public pressure to ignore our rights according to our sex. What would the Senator think of the mess that our government has made of his law to protect women?

PA's 'Protect Women's Sports Act' means one thing to our young girls. Sports will remain fair. These girls understand that mixed-sex sports do not provide female athletes an equal opportunity due to obvious differences between men and women. Single-sex sports assure the right of women and girls to participate in sporting events that exclude men and boys who are at an obvious advantage.

As a mother, I have been lucky to be able to watch my daughter play on multiple sports teams while in high school. She has a twin brother who was also very athletic. I can tell you that watching them grow side by side their entire lives, there is an obvious difference between their sexes. As a mom to both, I would never have allowed my son to push his way into my daughter's sport or given him the right to call himself female and join a girl's team because he would have had an unmistakable advantage. I would have been ashamed as should any other parent because that would be the same as cheating.

Here are examples of the unfair advantage that males have when they decide to imitate the opposite sex.

Bloomfield High School transgender athletes Terry Miller and Andraya Yearwood win 1st and 2nd in the 55-meter dash in the Connecticut girl's indoor track meet in 2019. Selina Soule, who had trained for years to compete at the Regional Championship finished third behind these two male athletes and missed the opportunity to attend. This is why Selina and two other girls filed a lawsuit against the CIAC (Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference) "They took away the spots of deserving girls" Selina said. They can't win against males. That is why there are women's sports in the first place.

CeCe Telfer, born and raised Craig Telfer competed on the men's track and field team for the first three years of college at Franklin Pierce as a mediocre DII athlete, ranking 200th and 390th in hurdles but by switching genders, and joining the women's team, CeCe was able to claim the national title in hurdles at the 2019 NCAA Championship (men's hurdles are 6" taller than women's hurdles).

Senior at University of Montana June Eastwood, born male, is the first transgender Cross Country racer. Eastwood's personal best is 4 sec. faster than the 800 m. record and 10 sec. faster than the 1500 record both were held by women.

There are and will be more. In schools across the country, opportunities are being stripped away from female athletes. These girls are losing their spots in high-level competitions. The farce that this is being sold as inclusion, is reversing nearly 50 years of advances for our young girls. The truth is that reducing hormone levels is not enough. It is a physiological fact that men have more muscle mass, larger hearts, and greater bone density making them physically stronger than women.

Unfortunately, women have been at the bottom of the list for legislation that will make their lives better. We are missing legislators with the integrity of those like Birch Bayh. We are looking for a few good men who value women and are prepared to fight for the rights of our girls. Please do all you can to pass HB 972 into law so that our girls can keep their sports sex-based as was the original idea behind Title IX. This is not hard. It just will take politicians who aren't afraid to say that the emperor has no clothes or that those "girls" have male anatomy.

To quote RBG, "I ask no favor for my sex. All I ask of our brethren is that they take their feet off our necks." It seems as if our brethren are the ones who are asking for a multitude of favors these days and are pushing on our necks as hard as they possibly can.

Thank you,
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