Dear Sirs, Madams,

I believe that allowing Transgender Girls to be competing in various girls sporting events is decidedly unfair. As a person changes their sex publicly from male to female, there are certain physiological attributes that simply carry over even thought an surgical operation was performed. The differences between men’s and women’s muscle / fat comparisons are well known. Men – 6-13% fat, 40-50% muscle and a woman 21-32% fat, 30-35% muscle. Males have larger hearts and lungs, more oxygenated blood, more fast- twitch muscle fiber, greater upper body muscle mass, greater lower body muscle mass, and greater bone density. Even if a man takes estrogen and diminishes his testosterone in his body, he will not diminish these advantages.

As an example, Allyson Felix, contender for the title of fastest female sprinter in the world, who holds more Olympic medals than Usian Bolt. Her lifetime best for the 400 meter is 49.26 seconds. Based on 2018 data nearly 300 high school boys in the USA alone could beat it. As a second example the Williams sisters were roundly defeated by a 203rd ranked tennis player in 1998. 6-1 over Serena and 6-2 over Venus. Boys will in the long run show a decided edge.

The bathroom, toilet and locker room parity issue creates another bad problem. An article from a CNS News reporter dated 12/15/15 states “Our society has long recognized that biological differences require us to provide separate facilities for boys and girls when bathing, changing, or using the restroom so that a person is never forced to have their unclothed body exposed to the opposite sex. The common sense belief in modesty impels our society’s insistence on separate facilities, and it is a belief that Americans both with and without a religious affiliation share.

The DOE is wrongly claiming that Title IX, a law passed many years ago requires females have the same bathrooms as someone of the opposite sex. When Congress was debating Title IX for equal opportunities a member asked whether it would require schools to allow guys and girls into locker rooms and dorms the answer was no. The schools would need to provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of sex.” The protection of our girls and boys is of the utmost importance.

Sincerely,

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