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The impact of Title IX and the benefits it has had for female people can not be understated. Along with opening athletics and scholarships, resources and facilities to female people, it has created so many opportunities that were otherwise out of reach for female people. It is incredibly important that Title IX be protected, and remain, as intended, for female people.

While I do sympathize with trans people, and their struggles with their gender identities, gender is not a biological, measurable fact. Sex (the sex a human is born as) is measurable, quantifiable, and in 99.99 percent of humans clear cut. Legal protections granted by Title IX need to remain based in biological sex for clarity of purpose, and to continue giving needed space and opportunities to female people. To expand it beyond biological sex and into the nebulous territory of gender identity will only make things unclear, and remove benefits from a group who needs them (female people) to give them to a group that already has access to these opportunities via their biological sex, whether they choose to use them or not.

Wanting to compete in sports, share facilities, and such because of one's gender identity is understandable, but as it is not measurable by any objective standard, it can be easily exploited by bad faith actors to the detriment of the female people the law is intended to help. As trans people still have access to facilities and sports for their biological sex, they aren't losing anything if they choose not to use the resources already available to them, because they are incongruous with their gender identity. Female people, however, will lose benefits if those benefits are made available to male people who identify as women, particularly in athletics where biological differences are known, visible, and not changed by estrogen treatment or genital surgery. My sympathy for trans people has to stop when it comes to the continued rights and needs of female people to safety, opportunity, and access to athletics that have long been, and continue to be, entirely available to male people - regardless of their gender identity.