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Hello,

I am a 32 year old female who competes in cycling. While I fully support any person who feels more comfortable opposing gender stereotypes, it is imperative to keep a segregation by biological sex to preserve the fairness of women's sports. It doesn't take a scientist to know that men are faster, stronger, bigger, and more aggressive than women. They have larger bone density, muscle mass, lung capacity, etc etc. When a man identifying as a women competes in a women's field, it poses huge safety concerns, creates mental fear and trauma, and produces numerous unfair advantages against biological women. A trans woman will never have to deal with period cramps, birth control hormones, pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding, and so on. When I first shared an article that this bill was announced, I simply said "Save Women's Sports." I was called a bigot and transphobe and told that it's a not an issue because there are so few instances. Well that is rapidly changing, and there are actually a ton of instances, but women are told to keep quiet. In 2015 the Olympic Committee began allowing men to compete in a women's class as long as they were within a certain testosterone limit for one year. That limit is still 10 times above what an average biological female naturally has, not to mention there are obviously other factors beside testosterone that differentiate men and women. No men made the change in time for the 2016 Olympics, but this year we are starting to see them qualify. Biological women are missing out on opportunity such as going to the Olympics, scholarships, and losing records they will probably never make up. This is especially true for minority women who rely on scholarships to go to college. It shocks me that any man would feel good about entering a women's field and destroying the competition. I personally work very hard to shave seconds off my times, and some of my best results would only come mid-pack amongst all the men. I know I will never ever beat the fastest men, no matter how much I train or how hard I try. Allowing men in a women's field is excluding women. If men do not want to compete in the class they were already given, we need to advocate for a class of their own, which I would happily support. We just cannot give trans women something at the expense of biological women. We need to Save Women's Sports. Thank you,

Simone