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Transgender rights are human rights, and sex and gender identity are not the same. The privacy and accomplishments of girls who are not trans matter too, and are threatened by changes to Title IX.

Before you decide to make kids' and college sports in effect unisex, please consider these issues: the ramifications of contact sports involving bodies strengthened by male puberty, vs on-average smaller and weaker ones, even accounting for HRT; the narrowing opportunities for college scholarships striven for by female athletes, often girls and women of color; and the discomfort and vulnerability of girls and women in heretofore single-sex spaces, forced to share them with intact males, without objection, on pain of facing disciplinary action.

I hope the Department of Education listens to student athletes, coaches, medical professionals including sports medicine and pediatrics, parents, and advocates for and against the sex-based provisions in Title IX.

Trans rights are human rights, and gender identity matters. Title IX protects girls and women against sex-based discrimination. These two statements can both be true.

Many thanks,

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