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Dear Office of Civil Rights,

As you are writing your guidance about how to implement President Biden's executive orders, I really hope you will affirm that in some circumstances (especially, but not only) sports, sex based classifications are needed.

I understand the need to not discriminate against people based on sexual orientation or gender presentation. No student should be discriminated against because he, she, or they wants to dress a certain way, or has one set of interests rather than another. But for some contexts, biology matters. Fairness and safety in sports requires that we recognize that humans are a sexually dimorphic species, with substantial differences between the sexes.

It's not been that long that women and girls have had the opportunity to fully participate in sports. Let's not go backwards.

Please make your guidance consistent with the traditional understanding of Title IX, which carves out a narrow set of circumstances where distinctions on the basis of biological sex are permissible.

Sincerely,

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