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WOMEN *for* AMERICA
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

February 9, 2021

The Honorable Ashley B. Trantham
522A Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Rep. Trantham,

On behalf of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee supporters across South Carolina, we are writing to endorse the Save Women's Sports Act, H3477.

The Save Women's Sports Act will rightly clarify the responsibility of schools and athletic conferences in South Carolina to prohibit discrimination against female athletes based on biological sex. It recognizes that women and girls are denied their rights to equality in sports when they are forced to compete against biological male athletes identifying as girls.

Women and girls deserve to have the civil rights laws passed to protect us respected and followed, guaranteeing equal opportunities and benefits for all athletes. That is what Title IX achieved for female student-athletes nearly 50 years ago.

It is unfortunate that this bill is even necessary, but what is happening in female athletics today makes it essential. Although no basis exists in federal law, middle and high schools, colleges, and the NCAA are twisting the intent of Title IX, the federal law which prohibits discrimination in educational programs on the basis of sex, by allowing men who claim to "identify as women" to compete on women's teams and against female athletes.

Policies allowing for inclusion in sex-specific sports on the basis of "gender identity" have no substantiation in biological fact or valid medical research to defend males competing in female athletics. Studies attest to the reality that puberty, testosterone, and innate biological differences give physical advantages to males that cannot be mitigated and, therefore, disqualify female athletes from fair competition when males compete in women's sports. To deny these facts is to deny science.

Researchers at the Karolinska Institute and University of Manchester concluded that after one year of treatment, "the physical advantage enjoyed by biological males over females is only minimally reduced when testosterone is suppressed ... Furthermore, the reductions observed in

muscle mass, size, and strength are very small compared to the baseline differences between males and females in these variables.¹

Exercise physiology expert, Dr. Gregory A. Brown of the University of Nebraska, published an exhaustive review of existing research, concluding that “men and adolescent boys perform better in almost all sports than women and adolescent girls because of their inherent physiological advantages that develop during male puberty.”²

We thank you for introducing H3477 and applaud all supporters in the South Carolina legislature working to advance this critical measure for standing with us to defend the rights of women and girl athletes to fair competition and equal opportunities in sports.

Sincerely,

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¹Emma Hilton, Ph.D. and Tommy Lundberg, Ph.D. (13 May 2020). University of Manchester, UK. and Karolinska Institute. Department of Laboratory Medicine/ANA Futura. Division of Clinical Physiology. Huddinge, Sweden. Retrieved from: [https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/a69528e3-c613-4bcc-9931-258260a4e77f/downloads/preprints202005.0226.v1%20\(1\).pdf](https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/a69528e3-c613-4bcc-9931-258260a4e77f/downloads/preprints202005.0226.v1%20(1).pdf)

²Expert Declaration of Gregory A. Brown, Ph.D. (January 7, 2020). Filed in support of the U.S. Department of Education Complaint Nos. 01-19-4025 & 01-19-1252. Retrieved from: <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/a69528e3-c613-4bcc-9931-258260a4e77f/downloads/2020.01.07%20G%20Brown%20Report%20Executed.pdf?ver=1580495895886>