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***Concerned Women for America of North  
Dakota is Appalled Gov. Burgum  
Discriminates Against Girls***

**Bismarck, North Dakota** – The final step needed to pass a pro-woman piece of legislation prohibiting male-born athletes from entering women’s sports as transwomen was blocked by Gov. Doug Burgum yesterday. The Governor used his veto pen to jeopardize equality for girls on high school sports teams. He was wrong to disregard the hard-fought opportunities for high school female athletes, which came through the feminist movement in the implementation of Title IX. Biological girls who train and work hard to excel in their chosen sport with the goal of a college scholarship should not be ignored by the assumption this discrimination will never happen in North Dakota.

Concerned Women for America of North Dakota State Director Linda Thorson has this to say concerning the veto:

“Gov. Burgum showed his hand and his priorities by cowering to the bullies instead of standing with female high school athletes. By vetoing HB 1298, Gov. Burgum disregarded science and common sense and over 50 years of hard-fought battles by women to have their own athletic opportunities.

“We call on the state legislature to act today to override the Governor’s veto. North Dakota does not need to wait to act until a female high school athlete is denied the opportunity for success because a male who claims transgender status as a female receives her spot on a team or is awarded her college scholarship. We ask the legislature to be a voice for female athletes and vote to override the veto on HB 1298. It is a matter of basic civil rights. It’s a matter of standing up and protecting our daughters and granddaughters.”

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