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**WOMEN** *for* **AMERICA**  
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

May 10, 2021

The Honorable Dade Phelan  
Speaker of the House  
1100 Congress Avenue, Room 2W.13  
Austin, TX 78701

The Honorable Dustin Burrows  
Chairman of House Calendar Committee  
1100 Congress Avenue, Room E2.722  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Speaker Phelan and Chairman Burrows,

As the nation's largest public policy women's organization, Concerned Women for America (CWA) applauds fairness and equality for female student-athletes at every level of education. Protecting women's and girls' athletic opportunities is the right thing to do on behalf of Texas' female athletes. Texans heartily support a level playing field for girls and women athletes at all levels. Innate biological differences give physical advantages to males that cannot be erased.

For over 100 years, females in Texas have made major gains through Texas statutes giving them the right to vote in primary elections preceding the federal amendment and later entitling them to business and property rights. Federal gains, including the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment and the passage of Title VII and Title IX, reinforced those distinctive rights. Now decades later, Texas women and girls are fighting hard to keep a fair playing field when it comes to sports.

CWA of Texas is asking you to take proactive action to protect Texas girls' opportunities on sports teams by moving legislation forward in the name of fairness and equality for our female athletes.

Female athletics are a pathway to development, opportunity, and success for our girls. However, fair competition and equality in girls' sports are under threat. We are looking for champions who will stand up and protect our daughters and granddaughters, those who will stand on the side of female athletes. We hope you will be one of those champions. Please consider what your mother, your daughter, your grandmother, and your niece would want you to do. We are asking you to defend the inherent rights of every female athlete in Texas.



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