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WOMEN *for* AMERICA  
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

June 4, 2021

The Honorable John Bel Edwards  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 94004  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear. Gov. Bel Edwards,

As the nation's largest public policy women's organization, Concerned Women for America applauds your commitment to fairness and equality for female student-athletes at every level of education. We are grateful the Louisiana legislature has sent to your desk, SB 156, the Fairness in Women's Sports Act, and we urge you to sign the bill today.

Signing the Fairness in Women's Sports Act is the right thing to do on behalf of Louisiana's female athletes. Louisianians 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. Years ago, women fought hard to have their own athletic opportunities. Now decades later, women and girls are fighting to keep a fair playing field when it comes to sports.

This month marks the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX, the landmark civil rights law championed by notable Democrat leaders Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana and Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii. Title IX gave young women and girls the right to equal opportunity and benefits in educational programs, including athletics, based on biological sex. This protection is no less important today. As a matter of fairness and equality, female athletes should have the right to participate and compete only against other female athletes in sports designated for women and girls.

Concerned Women for America and our Young Women for America college chapters are looking for champions who will stand up and protect our daughters and granddaughters. We urge you to stand on the side of female athletes from kindergarten through college and sign the Fairness in Women's Sports Act into law today.

Sincerely,

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