OUR BODIES, OUR SPORTS

























The Honorable Chuck Schumer Majority Leader U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries,

Women's sports are important and must be fair. Women's safety, privacy, and opportunity cannot be sacrificed. The dreams and aspirations of girls cannot be given away.

That's why we have joined together to stand up and speak out against the Biden administration's illegal rewrite of Title IX. The new regulations are discriminatory, unfair, and risky.

The rule flips Title IX on its head. It strips protections for women and girls — robbing women of equal opportunity, privacy, and fairness. It cheats female athletes out of their trophies, roster spots, playing time, and resources and gives them to men.

This doesn't enforce Title IX, it violates it.

We write now to ask you to support the Congressional Review Act to stop the new Title IX rules from taking effect and destroying women's sports.

You know physical differences between men and women have significant consequences in athletics. There is no way to level the playing field between the sexes.

Title IX was passed in 1972 to expand opportunities for women and girls in education, including school athletics. Now, under the administration's new rules, protections for women have been eliminated.

Stop the war on women. Stop the illegal rewrite of Title IX. Keep women's sports female. American women and girls deserve no less.

Sincerely,

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