

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 15, 2024

The Honorable Charlie Baker
President
National Collegiate Athletic Association
700 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Dear President Baker,

We write to you regarding the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)'s policy on biological males in women's sports in light of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) new policy on transgender athlete participation and recent comments by South Carolina Coach Dawn Staley. We are deeply concerned about the future of women's sports and upholding the critical Title IX protections for women's sports with the NCAA's current policies. We urge the NCAA to follow the NAIA's lead on this issue and prohibit transgender athletes from competing in women's sports.

As you know, last week the NAIA Council of Presidents unanimously approved a new policy regarding transgender athletes. This policy prohibits the participation of biological males, who have undergone hormone therapy, in women's sports. However, this policy does not include sports that do not involve "some combination of strength, speed and stamina", such as competitive cheer or competitive dance.

This policy appropriately recognizes the natural advantages that biological men have in certain athletic competitions. A 2022 study entitled "Transwoman Elite Athletes: Their Extra Percentage Relative to Female Physiology" concluded that "many anatomical sex differences driven by testosterone are not reversible." Further, this study found that given that "estrogen therapy will not reverse most athletic performance parameters, it follows that transgender women will enter the female division with an inherent advantage because of their prior male physiology." The NCAA's current transgender policy fails to take these scientific facts into consideration.

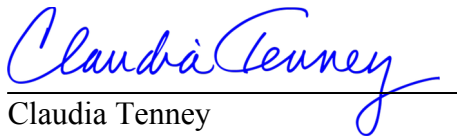
Recently, University of South Carolina women's basketball coach Dawn Staley stated that "I'm of the opinion of, if you're a woman you should play. If you consider yourself a woman, and you want to play sports or vice versa, you should be able to play." This statement ignores the biological facts and would harm female athletes throughout NCAA-affiliated schools. It is simply unfair for biological males to be allowed to compete against biological females. On top of that, allowing biological males to participate in women's sports erodes critical Title IX protections for women.

As such, we urge the NCAA to reconsider its current policy that allows biological males to deprive women of a fair opportunity to compete and achieve athletic success. All women in NCAA-affiliated schools should not fear having their athletic accomplishments minimized by biological males, as happened in the 2022 NCAA 500-yard freestyle event, with Lia Thomas, a biological man, taking the championship over Emma Weyant. This cannot be allowed to ever happen again. The NCAA must follow the NAIA's lead and prohibit biological males from competing in women's sports.

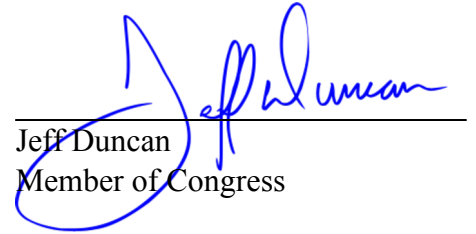
Thank you in advance for your consideration and we look forward to working with you to uphold women's sports and provide a level playing field for female athletes.

Sincerely,

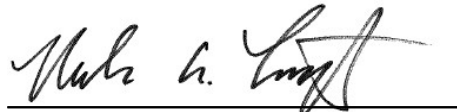
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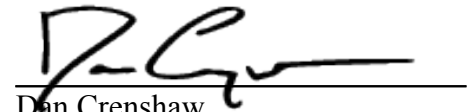
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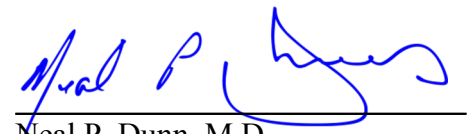
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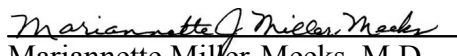
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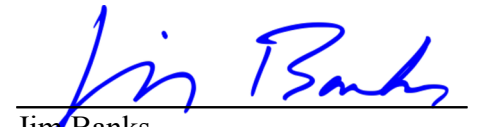
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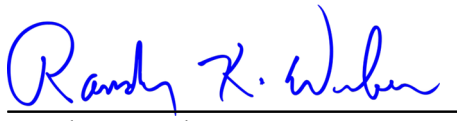
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