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## YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA

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Thank you, Representative Wasinger, for presenting this bill in order to protect women's dignity, and equal opportunities in athletics. My name is Julia Campbell, and I am a Regional Coordinator for Young Women for America, a project of Concerned Women for America, the nation's largest public policy women's organization.

This bill is not only a protection to women and girl athletes who currently participate in sports, but a protection to all women who would be affected by the slippery slope of destroying the differentiation between biological males and females. Growing up I did ballet for nine years. Though I never had to compete against a male in a female's role in the ballet, I chose to sacrifice other opportunities and time with family and friends in order to be in the studio practicing. When my younger sister was competing in dance in high school, she clocked 15 hours each week in the studio. This means that time and dedication were given towards a goal that was already highly competitive. You work hard towards a goal because you know there is the chance of reaching it. Now, what if that goal became unachievable?

Hard work does not always mean reward, but in this situation of males who identify as women competing against female athletes, hard work would never mean reward. Due to the fact that males are genetically stronger and faster the level of athletic capacity between males and females is not equal. Allowing males to replace females in sports means you may as well go home and say to your daughter, "There is no chance for a fair playing field because you are at a disadvantage before you even begin."

It would be the end of women's athletics completely.

To quote my friend, a Division Two Soccer Player and Track Runner who has trained her whole life, "There is an absolute physical and chemical difference between male and female athletes. There are some middle school boys who are running the times I (a 22 year old female) am running, but to imagine competing against a transitioned man who has hit puberty is unthinkable. I and many other women would have no chance against such competition. Women's sports need to be protected or else the measure of victory will be beyond the reach of biological women."

To take it into a Biblical context, the role assigned by God to men is to protect women, not trample on them by taking advantage of their giftings, dreams, and platforms. Having biological men in women's arenas only further pits males and females against each other. The two sexes prosper when they work in complimentary tandem, not disparaging tension. Each should prosper in their giftings, not sell themselves so short that they believe they can only achieve success by taking the reward of someone else.

It is for these reasons that House Bill 2238 should be passed in order to create the Fairness in Women's Sports Act. Thank you.