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As a father of five daughters, I believe girls deserve the same fair and protected opportunities in sports that generations before them enjoyed. HCR 2003 strengthens a simple and widely understood principle: in school athletics, girls' sports should be reserved for girls. This amendment restores clarity, fairness, and safety in Arizona's interscholastic and intramural programs by ensuring that participation is based on biological sex as recorded at birth. That standard has governed athletics for decades, and it remains the most consistent and objective way to preserve meaningful competitive categories.

Girls deserve the opportunity to train, compete, and excel on a level playing field. When biological males compete in female divisions, the physical advantages of male physiology—greater muscle mass, bone density, and speed—can displace female athletes from podiums, scholarships, and roster spots. HCR 2003 protects those opportunities so that girls are not asked to overcome built-in disadvantages that no amount of effort or discipline can erase.

This measure also protects privacy. Schools have a responsibility to maintain safe and appropriate boundaries in locker rooms, showers, and other facilities. Clear, statewide rules prevent confusion and reduce the likelihood of conflict at the school level.

The amendment is carefully drafted. It does not create criminal penalties. It does not regulate private youth sports. It simply ensures that public schools, charter schools, community colleges, and universities follow a consistent standard. It also includes protections against retaliation and allows students and schools to seek relief if the law is not followed.

Arizona has long supported fairness in women's athletics. HCR 2003 continues that commitment by reaffirming that female athletes deserve equal opportunities, protection, and respect. This amendment strengthens the integrity of girls' sports and ensures that future generations of athletes can compete with confidence that the rules are clear and the playing field is fair.

Thomas J. Bouman, Attorney, Tucson

Playing collegiate volleyball gave me the educational opportunities that set me up for success. It also provided life lessons that shape the grit, confidence, focus, and resilience that continue to anchor my daily life.

All this was jeopardized when I was forced to compete against a male athlete during my recruiting process.

In the years since, I have advocated for a simple truth: boys who identify a certain way should not be allowed to bypass the common-sense rules that protect women and girls.

Now, as a coach, I see young girls learning a very different lesson than the one I learned through sports. Instead of seeing that hard work pays off and that opportunities are earned, they are being shown that, according to certain government officials, their safety, privacy, and opportunities come second to politics.

That's why Proposition XXX is necessary. Our young girls' ability to compete on girls' only

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sports teams should not be beholden to politics. Arizonans must end this madness with a vote for the Protect Girls Sports Act.

Macy Charles (Petty)
Former NCAA Volleyball Player

Macy Charles (Petty), Mesa

Arizona voters have the opportunity to bring sanity back into American culture and right a horrible wrong that has been done to women.

In 1972, with the establishment of Title IX in federal law, women achieved equal opportunity in school athletic programs. The current radical “gender-identity” agenda has set women’s rights back over 50 years by forcing girls and women to compete against biological males in sports. It is a fact that there are two human sexes, male and female, and that there are inherent physical differences between them. To allow biological males, many of whom failed to achieve success competing against other males, to claim “trans” female status, thus enabling them to compete against girls in sports requiring physical strength or contact is just wrong. It deprives girls of fairness in competition, has caused them serious physical injury, and has cost them dearly when it comes to the rewards of athletic success – team camaraderie, travel opportunities, trophies, scholarships, and more.

Thank you, Representative Selina Bliss, for working tirelessly to bring this important issue before the voters. And thanks, also, to the young women who testified before the legislature about the harms they’ve suffered by males invading not only their sports teams, but their locker rooms as well.

Please vote yes, Arizona, and, once again, lead the nation on a crucial issue.

Sydney Hay, Scottsdale

Vote YES on XXX, the Protect Girls’ Sports in Arizona Act.

Every girl deserves a fair chance to play, grow, and compete on a level playing field. Yet that chance is now at risk — making fairness, safety, and equal opportunity more urgent to defend than ever.

Boys and girls compete in separate categories for a clear, physical reason. After puberty, the male body develops lasting advantages in bone density, muscle mass, lung capacity, and heart size. Sports already use weight classes and age groups to ensure fair competition; separating athletes by sex does the same, allowing girls to compete against peers with comparable physical traits. Erase that line, and fairness disappears.

The immediate consequences for young women are life-altering. For countless girls, athletic excellence is the only pathway to higher education through hard-earned scholarships. When young men compete in girls’ divisions, roster spots, podium finishes, and future opportunities are taken from young women. In contact and collision sports, the physical mismatch creates real safety risks no one should ignore.

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This isn't about keeping anyone off the field. Protecting girls' sports is about recognizing biological reality and common sense, and ensuring that girls have an opportunity to compete, so that the medals, records, and scholarships they earn truly belong to them.

This is not a debate that can wait; it is about preserving a hard-won legacy before it is dismantled. Decades after Title IX opened the door, no woman should have to win the same fight for the right to see her achievements honored and her safety protected. Vote YES on XXX to protect girls' sports and ensure that the next generation of female athletes inherit the level playing field we promised them — and the chance to chase every dream that comes with it.

Peter Gentala, President, Center for Arizona Policy, Gilbert and Leisa Brug, VP of Advocacy, Center for Arizona Policy, Chino Valley
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Vote YES on Prop XXX – Protect Girls' Sports in Arizona Act

Arizona Women of Action urges strong support for Prop XXX. This measure upholds the original intent of Title IX by ensuring school and athletic teams are designated male, female, or coed based on biological sex. It closes loopholes in Arizona law and protects females in the following key ways:

Preserves fair competition — Biological males' physical advantages will no longer displace girls from scholarships, records, podiums, or team spots, keeping the playing field level for female athletes.

Protects female categories — Teams and sports will be designated by biological sex, safeguarding girls' opportunities to compete, win, and advance.

Ensures privacy and safety in private spaces — Requires sex-based use of athletic locker rooms, showers, and restrooms so girls have dignity and security where it matters most.

Strengthens Title IX protections — Reinforces the core purpose of Title IX by closing existing loopholes in Arizona law that have allowed unfair participation.

Prop XXX strengthens fairness, privacy, and the integrity of Arizona athletics for women and girls.

Vote YES on Prop XXX for our girls, families, and future.

Kimberly Miller, President, Arizona Women of Action, Phoenix
Sponsored by Arizona Women of Action

Growing up in the early 80s, I didn't initially have the option to play on a girls' only soccer team. If I wanted to play, I had to join the boys. I played fullback — a position that demanded toughness, quick decision making, and the ability to read the field. I loved the sport, even after breaking my nose in 2nd grade and playing through long, hot summer practices. What I lacked in

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size, I made up for in grit, and the boys on my team knew it.

Eventually, we fielded enough girls that we formed co-ed teams, and soon after, separate girls' and boys' sports teams. I still remember the pride I felt making the girls' varsity soccer team as a freshman. That opportunity mattered. It gave me a place to compete, to grow, and to belong.

When an injury ended my soccer career, I turned to tennis. By my senior year, I was leading my high school girls' tennis team — and when the school board considered cutting our girls tennis program, I stood at the podium and fought to save it. We won. That victory ensured future girls would have the same opportunities I had.

My experiences shaped my belief in protecting fair competition for girls. As someone who grew up playing on co ed and girls only teams, I understand how important it is for girls to have fair opportunities to compete. That is why I support the Protect Girls' Sports in Arizona Act. Girls deserve dedicated teams where they can train, grow, and succeed on a level playing field.

Today, as a mother, grandmother, and mentor, I want every girl to feel the same pride and possibility that sports gave me. Protecting girls' sports protects opportunity, fairness, and the future of women's athletics.

Shawwna Bolick, State Senator, Phoenix

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It's common sense that biological males and biological females have different body types, physical characteristics and abilities. That is why female athletic teams – and the federal Title IX – exist; to ensure that girls have equal athletic opportunities on a level playing field. Most Arizonans find this reasonable. But radical transgender activists have strayed so far from reality that they have repeatedly tried to undermine opportunities for girls and women by allowing biological males who identify as female to play against them. We've seen the tragic results play out in headlines across the country and here in our own state. Top performing female athletes have been badly injured and lost out on trophies, titles, and scholarship opportunities because they were forced to compete against biological males. In Arizona, we have the chance to say, "enough!" and demand a return to common sense. Prop XXX, also known as the "Protect Girls' Sports in Arizona Act" would prohibit public and private K-12 schools and athletic associations from allowing biological males to play against girls on teams designated for girls. It protects girls' privacy in lockers, restrooms and showers and prevents them from having to share these spaces with biological boys. It would also give female athletes the power to hold schools and athletic associations accountable. Prop XXX allows them to take legal action if they are harmed or lose out on opportunities after being forced to compete against a biological male in violation of the law. As a father and a common sense Arizonan, I urge you to vote YES on Prop XXX and protect athletic opportunities for all Arizona girls!

George Khalaf, Scottsdale

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As a father of two teenage girls, I urge a YES vote on Proposition XXX – The Protect Girls Sports Act.

Common sense says that participation in girl's sports should be reserved for biological females. Unfortunately, ideologues pushing "inclusion" of biological males have distorted reality and ignored the evidence, which is clearly in favor of protecting girl's sports:

1. Males possess physical advantages over females, including after medical "transition". In general, males have:

- Greater muscle mass and strength
- Higher bone density
- Superior cardiovascular capacity
- Lower body fat

2. These innate differences affect speed, power, and endurance. In sport after sport, females facing confused males lose opportunities for medals and scholarships. Consider that Olympic, World, and U.S. champion Tori Bowie's lifetime best 100-meter time has been "beaten 15,000 times by men and boys."

3. Women forced to compete against men are subjected to physical and sexual assault:

- In Massachusetts, a 6-foot tall male player injured three women during a basketball game. The same individual was previously removed from a rowing team after entering a female locker room and making inappropriate comments about a female rower's breasts.
- In Washington, Kallie Keeler unknowingly competed against a male who sexually assaulted her during a wrestling match. To end the assault, she allowed him to win, forfeiting a medal.
- To protect her team, former captain of Utah State University's Volleyball team Kaylie Ray led her fellow players to forfeit a game in which they were pitted against a male with who "attacked with power that was clearly unmatched by any female athlete."

As a father and as President of Liberty Counsel Action, a nationwide advocacy organization representing thousands of parents who promote biological truth, I urge a YES vote on Proposition XXX – The Protect Girls Sports Act.

Thank you for your support,
John Stemberger

John Stemberger, President, Liberty Counsel Action, Orlando
Sponsored by Liberty Counsel Action and Liberty Counsel

Competing in sports in high school, at college and now, playing professional volleyball internationally, has made me the person I am today. Nothing is better at building a girl's confidence and future success than playing organized sports.

But It's not fair and not safe when bigger, stronger males compete in girls' sports. It threatens female athletes' dignity, opportunity and safety. Every male on a female team is stealing a girl's dream and future. I know because I was forced to compete against male athletes.

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Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs and Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes refuse to protect female athletes, using their positions of power to try to force male athletes onto girls' sports teams.

So it's up to us – the voters of Arizona - to protect girls' sports and female private spaces.

Proposition XXX – The Protect Girls Sports Act - protects female private spaces, including bathrooms, locker rooms and showers. It prohibits males from playing in girls' sports, and specifically designates Arizona sports as Male, Female or Co-Ed.

Everyone gets to participate!

Please join me in voting YES on Proposition XXX – The Protect Girls Sports Act.

Common sense. Voter enacted. It's long past time we made girls sports in Arizona FEMALE again!

Kaylie Ray
Co-Chair / Protect Girls Sports in Arizona
Professional Volleyball Player

Kaylie Ray, Co-Chair, Protect Girls Sports in Arizona, Gilbert

As a Father, there's nothing more important to me than protecting my daughters and providing them with every opportunity to pursue their dreams. I've encouraged my daughters to play sports, so they will be better prepared to compete and win in any endeavor in life.

But to have a male take the place of one of my daughters on a sports team, stealing her opportunity, wouldn't just be heartbreaking for her, but to me as well.

And I would do anything to ensure no man ever enters my daughter's bathroom, locker room or shower. I cannot understand how anyone can support allowing men on girls sports teams or in girls showers, locker rooms and bathrooms. Some things are simply wrong.

Thankfully, Arizona's Prop XXX - the Protect Girls Sports Act – will give me and every other Father and Mother the opportunity to ensure every sports girl in Arizona will have their opportunities and safety protected.

It makes sports in Arizona Male – Female – Co-Ed. And it keeps men out of girls' private spaces.

For the sake and safety of my daughters and every girl in Arizona, please join me in voting YES on Proposition XXX.

Bryan Franks, Cave Creek
Sponsored by Protect Girls Sports in AZ

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As a father and athlete, I think about the life ahead of my daughter — the chance to compete, and to chase whatever dream she sets her mind to. Protecting her opportunities and her safety is my job.

That’s why it troubles me to imagine her one day losing her place on a team, her privacy in a locker room, or access to a fair competition because of a boy. No parent should have to accept that for their daughter.

Arizona’s Prop XXX — the Protect Girls Sports Act — directly supports the world I want her to grow up in. It establishes clear Male, Female, and Co-Ed classifications in sports, and it keeps girls’ spaces for girls only.

For my daughter, and for every girl in Arizona, I’m voting YES on Proposition XXX.

Adam Ray, Chandler

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As a mom of 4 competitive athletes, I have seen firsthand the benefits of what sporting opportunities can do for each athlete. Lifelong lessons are gained through participation in sport. I have also seen firsthand the differences in biological reality between male and female athletes.

Boys are inherently stronger, faster, bigger even at young ages. Allowing boys to compete in girls sports only takes opportunities away from female athletes. It also risks physical safety of the girls participating.

The passage of Proposition XXX will allow for everyone to participate in sport and ensure that safety and fairness will be upheld.

Please support COMMON SENSE and PROTECT girls sports and spaces! Vote YES on Proposition XXX – Protect Girls Sports

Laurie Ray, Gilbert

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It’s been an honor to serve as Chandler’s Mayor for the past seven years where I’ve had the privilege to represent the best city in Arizona. As Mayor, I’ve met with residents across our city and state, and I’ve not met one Republican, Independent, or Democrat who believes that biological boys should compete in girls’ sports. I’m running for state Representative because we need more elected officials who have commonsense and listen to Arizonans. This should be a nonpartisan issue. Please join our family in voting yes to Save Women’s Sports!

Kevin Hartke, Mayor of Chandler, City of Chandler, Chandler

As a Mom and athlete myself, I am deeply concerned about bigger, stronger, biological males competing in girls’ sports and entering private female spaces including girls’ bathrooms, locker

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rooms and showers. It puts our girls at risk and crushes their athletic dreams and opportunities. There's never a justification for it. Some things are just wrong.

As an Arizona Legislator, I could do something about it and I have! I'm proud to have been the prime sponsor of HCR2003 – The Protect Girls Sports Act – now Proposition XXX. Prop XXX designates sports in Arizona as Male – Female – Co-Ed, ensuring that everyone gets to participate. And it prohibits males from entering girls bathrooms, locker rooms and showers.

Could anything be more common sense?

Every one of my Republican colleagues in the Legislature voted to put the Protect Girls Sports Act on the November ballot. And every Democrat voted against it, joining Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs and Democrat Attorney General Kris Mayes in refusing to protect girls' sports and private female spaces.

Now, it's our turn – the voters in Arizona. We can protect girls' sports by voting YES on Prop XXX.

Every young girl's athletic dreams need to be preserved and her physical safety protected.

Selina Bliss, Prescott

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The newspapers have been full of stories about girls who work really hard on their sports skills to make a team or perhaps get a college scholarship or compete for the Olympics. Then they have to compete against a biological male who has unfair advantages and they are totally devastated. This is a terrible injustice. Title IX was passed because we all believe girls should have an equal chance as boys to compete and to excel. Allowing biological boys in girls' sports is a complete negation of title IX, of common decency, and of common sense.

Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Arizona, Phoenix

As a High School volleyball coach, my role is to ensure sports are fair and safe. But there's nothing fair and nothing safe about letting males in female sports.

It's robbing our girls of their dreams and opportunities and risking their physical safety. Moreover, no male should ever be allowed into a young girl's bathroom, locker room or shower.

That's why I'm voting YES on Prop HCR 2003 – the Protect Girls Sports Act, that designates Arizona sports as Male, Female or Co-Ed, and protects female private spaces.

Isn't this just common sense?

Please join me in voting YES on Prop HCR 2003. Let's keep athletic competition fair and safe in Arizona.

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Ryan Tolman, Aspire Volleyball Club, Gilbert

As a Father, Grandfather and former coach, I want to help ensure that sports opportunities for every Arizona student are fair and safe.

But there's nothing fair and nothing safe about letting males in female sports. It's robbing our girls of their dreams and opportunities and risking their physical safety.

Moreover, this Father believes no male should ever be allowed into a young girl's bathroom, locker room or shower.

That's why I'm voting YES on Proposition HCR 2003-the Protect Girls Sports Act, that designates Arizona sports as Male, Female or Co-Ed and protects female private spaces by prohibiting males from ever entering the girl's bathroom, locker room or shower.

Isn't this just common sense?

Please join me in voting YES on Proposition HCR 2003. Let's keep athletic competition fair and safe in Arizona, and open to every child that wants to participate.

Andy Moorner

James Moorner, Pine