

To: All Legislators

From: Representatives Barbara Dittrich, Janel Brandtjen, Rachael Cabral-Guevara, and Donna Rozar

Senator Kathy Bernier

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Re: Cosponsor of LRB 2339/1 and LRB 2340/1: Protecting Women in Sports Act

**SHORT DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

Title IX was created out of a recognition of a biological distinction between men and women, and the need to make sure women and girls have equal opportunities to compete on a level playing field in sports. The 'Protecting Women in Sports Act' is based on science. It safeguards equality and protects the athletic excellence of girls and women competing in sports, while also upholding Title IX's original intent based on the general biological distinction between men and women athletes based on sex. Title IX protects all biological females from being required to compete against biological males.

This bill would create two sports competition categories based on person's biological sex with a third category allowing anyone to participate. According to this bill, schools would be required to inform the parents of students or student athletes respectively prior to changing a sport from one category to another.

If you would like to co-sponsor this important legislation, please contact by replying to this email or calling Representative Dittrich's office (266-8551) no later than **NOON on Tuesday, March 9, 2021**. **If you have reached out verbally to Rep. Dittrich's office to support these bills, please respond to this email for our records.**

**\*Please indicate if you would like to sign on to the K-12 bill or the higher education bill separately.\***

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

LRB 2339: (Higher Education) This bill requires each University of Wisconsin institution and technical college that operates or sponsors an intercollegiate, intramural, or club athletic team or sport to designate the athletic team or sport as falling into one of three categories based on the sex of the participating students. The three categories are 1) participants who are males or men; 2) participants who are females or women; and 3) coed or participants of both sexes. The bill defines "sex" as the sex assigned at birth by a physician. The bill also requires a UW institution or technical college to prohibit a male student from participating on an athletic team or in a sport designated for females or women. Finally, the bill requires the UW institution or technical college to notify students

if the institution or technical college intends to change a designation for an athletic team or sport.

LRB 2340: (K-12) This bill requires each school board, independent charter school, and private school participating in a parental choice program (educational institution) that operates or sponsors an interscholastic, intramural, or club athletic team or sport to designate the athletic team or sport as falling into one of three categories based on the sex of the participating pupils. The three categories are 1) participants who are males, men, or boys; 2) participants who are females, women, or girls; and 3) coed or participants of both sexes. The bill defines "sex" as the sex assigned at birth by a physician. The bill also requires an educational institution to prohibit a male pupil from participating on an athletic team or in an athletic sport designated for females, women, or girls. Finally, the bill requires the educational institution to notify pupils and parents if an educational institution intends to change a designation for an athletic team or sport.

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