

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY JESSE GEY DUKE**

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**Testimony for the North Carolina State Legislature**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

Dear North Carolina Lawmakers,

As a former collegiate and Team USA athlete, I am writing in support of the Women's Sports Bill SB631. I urge you to protect women's sports and the opportunities that it provides girls from a young age, by requiring athletes to participate on teams based on their biological sex. If women and girls must compete with biological men in their sports, we will be taking a step backwards in the progress we have made for women and sports in the last 50 years. Please support this bill and the young women in the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,  
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