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Testimony for the North Carolina State Legislature

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Dear North Carolina Lawmakers,

I am a former NCAA athlete and am writing in support of Women's Sports Bill SB631 to protect women's sports. I believe that athletes should be competing against athletes born from the same biological gender in order to create a fair and safe playing arena. As someone who has competed at a high level I know the dedication and focus it takes to be at the top of your respective sport. Anatomically and physiologically the advantages for male born athletes are clear. Allowing male born athletes into women's sports creates an environment that is disheartening, demoralizing and unsafe for biological women. Please do what you can to protect opportunities for young girls in the state of North Carolina.

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