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Office of the Governor
State House
107 North Main Street
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Dear Governor Sununu,

As women of the *Our Bodies, Our Sports* coalition, we write to you passionately seeking fairness and hope. You can preserve the integrity of women's sports and give so many girls and young women across the state the life-changing influence of competition, hard work, and success.

Our coalition consists of women across the political spectrum fighting to protect women's sports, including Olympians, current and former NCAA athletes, coaches, and high school athletes.

We were encouraged that the General Court of New Hampshire passed HB 1205 which would ensure fair competition for the state's female athletes, alongside access to safe, private spaces and equal opportunities outside athletics.

Women's sports are important for self-esteem, teamwork, camaraderie, and grit, but sports cannot exist without fair competition. Nor can women's sports survive a lack of safety and privacy. As the number of male athletes seeking to compete on women's teams and in women's events grows, the risks to female athletes also grow. Claims to the contrary deny science, defy logic, and undermine Title IX.

This bill provides sex-based protections, without disadvantaging individuals who desire to identify as something besides one's sex.

The bill simply ensures that spaces and opportunities established for women are reserved for women.

We sincerely wish we did not need legislation to prevent women from being disadvantaged by their sex, in other words, from being the victims of sex-based discrimination. However, as more and more women lose titles to men, have their privacy violated in spaces designated for females, and are forced to be housed with men from college dorms to prisons, our rights are quickly being eroded and need protection in statute.

We respectfully ask that you sign HB 1205 into law. It's not only what your constituents want, but it's the right thing to do for women and girls. We would be happy to provide additional information or set up a time to discuss the importance of this bill in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

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