

OUR BODIES, OUR SPORTS

January 9, 2025

ATTN:

President Donald J. Trump

Mar-a-Lago

1100 S. Ocean Blvd.,

Palm Beach, Florida, United States

RE: NCAA and Protecting Women's Sports

Dear President Donald J. Trump:

Thank you for pledging to take action as President of the United States, to keep men out of women's sports. After years of witnessing women's interests pushed aside—as male athletes claim medals, records, and team roster spots meant for women—we are eager for you to take action as president to reverse this devastating trend, including by restoring Title IX's guarantee of equal opportunity for the sexes, a concept that was gutted by President Biden's administration.

We write now to ask you to also use your powerful voice to urge the NCAA to take action and clarify participation rules to protect the rights and opportunities of female athletes.

Over the last year, thousands of female collegiate athletes, Olympians, coaches, and women's advocates have spoken out, written personal letters to the NCAA Board of Governors, signed petitions, and joined rallies across the country to urge the NCAA and other entities charged with setting rules for athletic competition to take action to protect women's sports—something that is long overdue. Sadly, the NCAA has failed to heed the calls of female athletes who have been forced to choose between forfeiting games or participating in competitions that are fundamentally unfair and even dangerous.

They haven't listened to us, but we know they cannot ignore you. On behalf of women athletes and in the name of fairness and commonsense, we demand the NCAA governing body:

- **Repeal all policies and rules that allow male athletes to take roster spots on women's teams and/or compete in women's events;**
- **Establish and enforce the right of female athletes to participate in sports based on sex;**

- **Revoke any/all records set by male athletes competing in the female category and restore the female NCAA sports archives by erasing championship wins and/or individual performances that were male-influenced; and**
- **Require its member institutions to provide single-sex locker rooms for female athletes.**

We, the undersigned, represent thousands of female athletes and women’s advocacy groups from across the political spectrum. These groups include Independent Women’s Forum (IWF), Independent Council on Women’s Sports (ICONS), Women’s Liberation Front (WoLF), Champion Women, International Consortium on Female Sports (ICFS), Women’s Declaration International (WDI-USA), Concerned Women for America (CWA), Independent Women’s Law Center, Young Women for America (YWA), Independent Women’s Voice (IWV), and Independent Women’s Network.

We stand together in honor of the generations of women who came before us and in defense of all the women and girls who will come next. We ask for your help in demanding that the NCAA finally act to restore fairness and opportunity in collegiate sports and we thank you for standing with us.

Sincerely,

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