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Chair Manning, Vice Chair Bird, Ranking Member Robinson, and Members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to give sponsor testimony on House Bill 61.

The goal of this bill is to preserve the integrity of school sports. To ensure that young women are not made to compete against someone who is a biological male. In most instances, when young women are forced to compete against young men in athletic competition it places them at a fundamental disadvantage. A disadvantage that threatens their athletic achievement and even collegiate scholarship prospects.

I believe that allowing biological males to compete on women's teams is a violation of Title 9. Biological females should have equal opportunity to compete athletically. This means female competition should be protected and preserved. Biological males should not be permitted to encroach upon this equal athletic opportunity. Allowing this encroachment vanquishes the spirit of Title 9. My daughters work extremely hard to compete on their sports teams, if they would be forced to compete against a biological male who is faster, stronger and has more endurance than they do, I would be furious.

My view of this matter is shaped by my role as a husband, father of two daughters in a public school who play sports, and uncle of nieces; and informed by what I know to be true about Man and Woman. It is my desire to protect fair competition by promoting a level playing field in Ohio's inter - scholastic athletics. I think this bill shows compassion for all and is aligned with what we know is scientifically true. We only wish to protect something that is worth fighting for: female athletic opportunity.

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Bird, Ranking Member Robinson, and Members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee: Thanks again for the opportunity to give sponsor testimony on House Bill 61. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.