

Hello, my name is Demi and I am a first year college student. I am also a part of the LGBTQ+ community. I would like to talk about why I think Trans Women absolutely belong in sports. Studies have shown that basic things such as using someone's preferred name, pronouns, and acceptance by family and friends significantly decreases levels of depression, anxiety and suicide risk for Transgender people. Part of that acceptance is being able to fully participate in school activities like sports with their peers. I understand that this bill is intended to protect others from unfair advantage, but the reality is that this bill actually causes more of a disadvantage to Trans athletes. Transgender people already struggle to be integrated into society, and now their basic human right to play in a recreational activity at school is being challenged. There is no legal, moral, or logical reason to keep trans individuals out of sports. Thank you.