

My name is Darren Stanley Lazor and I oppose the ban on transgender athletes for several reasons. First off, I have not heard of any incidents in this state or in any other state for that matter (besides the few isolated incidents that have happened in Connecticut and Pennsylvania) in which transgender athlete participation was even a problem. Secondly, as a medical student, (whom of which has outperformed most if not all my classmates in some of the more hard-hitting classes) oppose this bill, for it lacks the science behind its justification as to why we need to ban trans athletes from competing in sports that align with their gender identity. I have read several online pieces written by medical professionals on support of transgender athlete participation for some of the benefits of allowing such participation include social interaction with peers, which leads to better mental health, physical exercise, which leads to many health benefits, and equal opportunities with scholarships, which leads to better financial opportunities for already disadvantaged community members. I also call into question concerns of HIPAA, for being able to randomly call into question someone's gender by forcing them to submit to endocrine tests about their hormonal levels, DNA tests, and physical exams to verify their gender is not only extreme but it is also discriminatory, as in the sense that we only subject this to those individuals whose gender is questionable. I personally know of two situations involving a friend and a relative. In one case it was called into question whether my friend's child could play with the other boys for he was too big, and husky and they were afraid that he would hurt the other boys if he were to play. In the other case my relative was called into question if he could play with the other boys for, he was too big and tall for his age, and they were afraid that he too would hurt the other boys if he was allowed to play. In either case they were able to work it out and come to a reasonable solution so that the

boys could still play, and the other children would still be safe. For if they flat out told my relative or my friend's child that they couldn't play then this would be discrimination but, you're telling me that if a transgender child wants to participate in sports that align with their gender identity, then they can just flat out be told no and then this would not be considered discrimination? Think again! There are so few transgender athletes in this country and if they want to play and if by them playing can be evaluated so that all participants in that sport have an equal chance at winning and without them having to go through rigorous tests and exams, then I say let them play. During a time in which obesity and depression rates are skyrocketing, I say that if there are kids out there that want to play, so that they can have fun, get exercise, and interact socially with their peers then this is something that should be encouraged and celebrated and not viewed to be unfair and an attempt to make this a political issue by "claiming" to save women's sports....and might I ask from who? Name me a case in which transgender athletes are dominating women's sports and in which it can be proven that it is due to their trans status that they are winning and not their athletic abilities (for I have read that these trans competitors from Connecticut and Pennsylvania have also experienced losses when competing at national and or regional events) that can support your justification of taking the time to write and support bill HB6? Finally, I for one feel that a better use of time for the sake of truly wanting to help support female sports could be writing bills that allocate more funds and look for better ways in which to promote female sports at all educational levels.