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National Governors Association 444 N. Capitol St. NW, Ste. 267 Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Members of the National Governors Association,

We write today to emphasize the integrity of women's sports and to strongly encourage your adherence to President Trump's Executive Order on Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports.¹

The majority of Americans agree that biological men should not be allowed to compete in women's sports.² This Executive Order reinforces a fundamental truth: women and girls deserve an even playing field on which they can compete and excel in athletics. The science is clear that the biological differences between men and women are significant and must be recognized in athletic competition. Protecting women's categories is essential to preserving the rights and opportunities that generations of women have fought to secure.

Misguided policies have robbed too many women of their earned athletic opportunities and successes and forced them into uncomfortable, and even unsafe, situations. President Trump has taken decisive action to correct these wrongs and directed athletic governing bodies to clarify their Title IX policies.

State-level action is vital to ensure America's female athletes receive the same assurance of fairness nationwide. We applaud the many states that have answered the call and taken meaningful action to support President Trump's Executive Order. These efforts demonstrate a clear commitment to fairness, safety, and the future of women's sports. However, it is imperative that every state step up to enforce these commonsense protections for female athletes.

Allowing biological men to compete in women's categories directly undermines the opportunities and safety of our female athletes. We urge the states that have not yet taken action to safeguard the integrity of women's sports to take the necessary steps to align with President Trump's Executive Order immediately. The safety of women and girls in sports cannot be guaranteed as long as states continue to delay and obstruct the enforcement of this Executive Order.

¹ <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/keeping-men-out-of-womens-sports/</u>

² https://news.gallup.com/poll/507023/say-birth-gender-dictate-sports-participation.aspx

We are ready to partner with governors and state leaders to implement policies that protect women and girls in sports. Together, we will ensure that the progress made to expand and strengthen women's athletic opportunities continues for decades to come.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to provide the young women and girls in your states a level playing field.

Sincerely,

James E. Risch United States Senator

Tommy Tuberville United States Senator